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ELECTION 2004: TOWNSHIPS What you need to know if considering a run for office

► Grayling
Township will
pay newly elected
officials less

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

With the filing deadline of May 11 fast approaching, township office hopefuls may wish to consider what their duties will be, meeting days and times, as well as salary and benefits, if they are elected.

Each of the five townships in Crawford County has a Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and two Trustees, forming the Township Board of Trustees. All of them serve four-year terms beginning November 20 following this year's general election on November 2.

To run for a township office, candidates must be a registered voter in that township.

Those who file as a Republican or Democratic candidate must first face election with fellow party candidates in the August 3 Primary election.

Nomination petitions must be submitted to the clerk of the township in which they are running no later than May 11 at 4 p.m. Petitions and Affidavits of Identity may be obtained from the clerk. Petitions must contain the signatures of at least three but no more than 20 registered voters in the particular township. Winners in each of those party races will move on to the general election.

Independent candidates have until July 15 to file their candidacies.

According to the Revised Statutes of 1846 Chapter 16, the following duties are described for township elected officials:

Township Supervisors preside over township meetings, and is the chief assessor of the township. He or she is tasked with making of the tax rolls in the township and also serves as the

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City residents can turn off their trickles

In February, the City of Grayling Department of Public Works (DPW) asked residents and business owners who have city water service to leave their water faucets run at a fine trickle to prevent frozen water lines. Those who have done so are now asked to turn the water off.

"The warm weather in the past few days has sufficiently warmed the ground to prevent further freeze-ups," explained Chad Beckett, Acting Director of the DPW.

Anyone with questions may contact the city office at (989) 348-2131.

Pinewood Derby



Scouts and leaders from the Wolves (of Grayling's Cub Scout Pack 3993) watch as the scouts' Pinewood Derby race cars speed down the track at the 2004 Pinewood Derby on Saturday, March 27, at AuSable Primary. Scouts from the Webelo, Bear, and Tiger groups also raced on Saturday.

DNR taxes in default

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Facing a 17 percent decrease in state revenue sharing from sales tax collected, municipalities in Crawford County, and around the state, now face the hardship of nonpayment of taxes by the state on land it owns.

The Winter 2003 property taxes, or PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes), were billed to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on December 1, 2003 and were due February 14. Crawford County Treasurer Joe Wakeley said the taxes are overdue and he doesn't know when the bill will be paid. (State lands are exempt from summer taxes.)

"We are going to bill the state just like we would bill anyone, including interest," said Wakeley, "except they won't pay interest... and we can't foreclose on them." The DNR, the fourth largest taxpayer in the county, owes \$57,298.58 in overdue tax money to Crawford County and its municipalities.

Because of the state's nonpayment of taxes, townships and locally funded agencies will be short of funding, as well.

The Crawford County Transit Authority or "Dial-A-Ride," as it is commonly known, is shorted \$3776.09; the Crawford

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Swan returns to Grayling with new companion



Photo by Susan Warrington

The male trumpeter swan (black band on neck) has been coming to the Grayling area for over five years. Last year, his mate and one cygnet were shot and the cygnet was killed. The wounded adult female will never again be released to the wild. People here wondered whether the male would return. He has and apparently has another companion.

Need for 24-hour road patrol hits home for one couple

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

It was by coincidence that Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies were available to answer a desperate call for help when a Grayling Township couple found a man trying to enter their home in the wee hours of the morning, March 28. And the couple was glad they were there.

A retirement ceremony Saturday evening for a Michigan State Police officer prompted a rare request by that department to the Sheriff's office for mid-night road patrol in Crawford County, allowing more troopers to attend the event. Without that coverage, Bud and Judy Morgan aren't sure how their emergency would have turned out.

With no regular midnight shift on road patrol, Crawford County residents living outside the Grayling City limits have to depend on state police coverage

when there is an emergency. With the state police post working with a reduced staff and limited budget as well as the county, coverage can be spread thin.

It was about 3 a.m. when the Morgans' three dogs began barking and they realized someone was trying to enter their home through the front door.

Knowing that they may have to wait for a trooper to make it to Grayling Township from anywhere in their three-county area of coverage was very unsettling, and Judy even admits that she and her husband hesitated calling 911 and were considering handling the situation on their own.

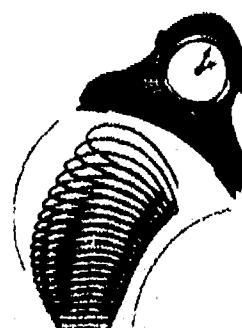
They called 911 and Dispatcher Dennis Wallace kept Bud on the line while the would-be intruder tried to jimmy the lock, then tried using a credit

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See "NEED FOR..."

Spring forward this weekend

Daylight Savings Time (DST) returns to Michigan this weekend. Residents are reminded to set their clocks forward one hour on Saturday night before retiring, as DST begins officially at 2 a.m. on Sunday, April 4.

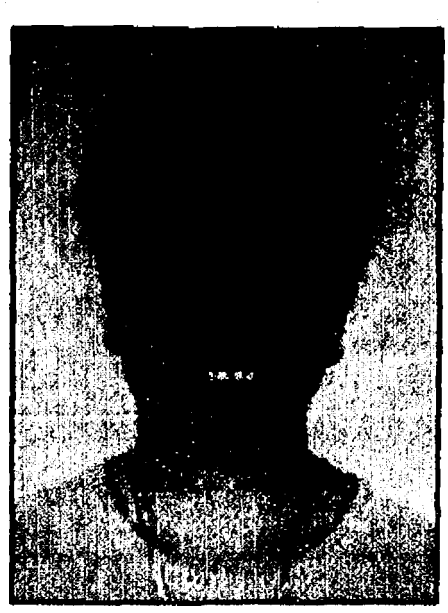


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County asked to consider pathway use ordinance

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A local group, instrumental in the development and acquisition of grant funding of a pedestrian/bicycle path in Crawford County, is asking the County Board of Commissioners to consider a new ordinance reinforcing its use restrictions.

The proposed ordinance has been offered for consideration by Wayne Koppa, for whom the non-motorized pathway has been dedicated. Koppa was a key player in the campaign for trail funding and its continuing expansion through the Crawford County Multi-Use Pathways Committee.

Koppa said the ordinance is based on existing federal statutes as the pathway was created in part by federal funds and it must be preserved through local enforcement of the proposed ordinance.

The proposed "Non-Motorized Pathway Ordinance" would restrict the operation of all-terrain (ATV) and off-road vehicles (ORV), snowmobiles and other motorized vehicles from using the paved pathways and would bring certain penalties to those found in violation of the ordinance.

The pathway was created as a peaceful avenue for pedestrians, rollerbladers and cyclists to traverse the county. It was not designed for use by motor vehicles and its preservation

depends on low-impact use of its asphalt surface to avoid high maintenance costs.

According to the proposed regulations, "No person shall operate and no owner or dealer shall permit the operation of any ATV, ORV, snowmobile, or motorized vehicle on any pedestrian pathway that is prominently posted with signs identifying closure to motorized vehicles in Crawford County..." with some exceptions.

"Any police officer, law enforcement, DNR (Department of Natural Resources) conservation officer, or emergency medical person may authorize the use of a snowmobile on a public highway or street when an emergency occurs and conventional motor vehicles cannot be used for transportation due to snow or other extreme highway conditions," states the proposed ordinance of existing law.

Motorized vehicles that may be permitted otherwise on pedestrian pathways include motorized vehicles for maintenance purposes, motorized wheelchairs, and electric-powered bicycles.

Under the proposed ordinance, "any certified or deputized police officer or peace officer or DNR conservation officer" would be authorized "to issue tickets for violations of the ordinance."

In any proceedings involving a violation of this act, the regis-

tration number displayed on an ATV, ORV, snowmobile, or motorized vehicle, shall constitute evidence that the owner of the vehicle "was the person operating the same thing at the time of the offense."

In essence, the owner of any vehicle found in violation of this proposed ordinance would be held responsible for its operation wherever it may travel and no matter who may be at the controls.

Local business owners who lease or rent ATVs or ORVs to tourists who may stray off a trail and mistakenly or purposely end up on the non-motorized path would be held responsible even if the business owner provides information to the user regarding the ordinance.

Upon a decision by any court regarding a violation of the ordinance where a portion or section is found "void or inoperable," only that part of the ordinance would be declared void or inoperable.

The penalty for violating the proposed ordinance would constitute a misdemeanor and those found guilty "shall be fined at the discretion of the court" up to \$500 or serve up to 90 days in the county jail. Also, "Each day that a violation continues to exist shall constitute a separate offense." Court costs would include a \$50 payment to anyone "who provides photographic evidence of the violations."

Those found guilty of a violation may also be subject to civil court proceedings for the recovery of damages and/or injunctive relief by the county, or other person or business, "injured or damaged by such violation," therefore businesses who rent ATVs, ORVs or snowmobiles would have a way to possibly recover any losses from misuse by a customer.

Koppa said current law already stipulates certain responsibilities of the owner of an ATV, ORV or snowmobile, including liability when a vehicle is stopped for misuse or found in violation of the law, regardless of the operator. "This ordinance will only reinforce the law and allow it to be enforced by local law enforcement," he said.

Koppa said he sees no use in seeking more grant monies if what has been created thus far isn't properly used and protected.

"There are hundreds of miles of snowmobile trails in the county so there is no reason for the path to be misused and damaged by motorized vehicles," he said.

The County Board will review the ordinance at its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 13 which begins at 9:30 a.m. at the County Courthouse in Grayling. A public hearing will be included that morning at 10 a.m.

Need for 24-hour road patrol hits home for one couple

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card to slip the lock's cylinder without success. Judy said the man then started beating on the door and yelling about something she couldn't understand and was ready with a baseball bat in case he managed to get into the house.

"I didn't know who it was or if

he had a gun or some other weapon, but I was ready for him if he had gotten in," said Judy.

When the man started ringing the doorbell, the Morgans realized he must be confused or under the influence, or both. Thankfully, their heroes arrived - veteran Deputies Dean Goss and Paul Smith, assisted by Grayling

City Police Patrolman Tim Coe - and took the man into custody, then to jail.

"I said, 'what the heck are you guys doing here?'" explained Bud. "I didn't realize there was a midnight shift again." That's when the Morgans learned that it was by a stroke of luck that deputies were on duty when normally their only hope would be that a state trooper would be in the immediate area. Goss, Smith and Coe were on scene within three minutes of the 911 call. Grayling City Police provide 24 hour patrols of the city.

"I was just tickled pink to see those guys," Judy said of the sheriff's deputies. "We really need to find a way to get our county's 24-hour road patrol back. This could have turned out so much differently if they hadn't

been around."

Judy said Bud was having chest pains during the ordeal and wonders if he had suffered a heart attack, would emergency medical personnel been able to reach him without the aid of law enforcement to make the scene safe enough for them to enter.

"I really want people to realize that this sort of thing can happen to them, too," said Judy. "Everyone should keep their doors locked and keep an eye out in their neighborhoods. If telling our story can help some people be safe, then I am glad it's in the newspaper. But, the best thing would be if we had our 24 hour road patrol back. And that would take a millage."

Swan shooting trial rescheduled

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A tentative date has been set for the jury trial of a juvenile accused of shooting two trumpeter swans last October.

Originally, a jury trial was scheduled for March 17, but was adjourned before it could get started. The trial is now set for June 3 and 4.

Probate and Family Court Judge John G. Hunter said while there is no gag order on the case, he could not say why the trial was delayed because he is "precluded by the judicial code of conduct from discussing a pending case."

Attorney Monte Burmeister is serving as defense counsel for the juvenile, whose name is being withheld due to his age. Burmeister also is refraining from comment on the case due to its pending status.



Grayling Recreation Authority

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Time: 8:30 ~ 11:30 am
Location: Hanson Hills Recreation Area, Grayling

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Road Commission

Fund balance hit hard by harsh winter

► Winter of 2003-04 worse than '02-03 and '01-02

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

For the Crawford County Road Commission, the winter of 2003-04 was quite a bit worse than the previous two winters, and Road Commission officials plan to closely monitor revenues and expenditures for the next several months.

The Road Commission spent about \$100,000 more in winter maintenance this year than in the winter of 2002-03, and about \$210,000 more this year than in the winter of 2001-02.

"The winter did hurt us," Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock said. "The skiers loved it. The road guys hate it. We're hoping we don't see any more snow."

Babcock said the increased costs came from several areas during this year's harsh winter, including materials (salt), fuel, wages, and overtime.

"Everything went up," he said. According to a Road Commission report, Crawford County received about 14 feet of snow in the north portion of the county and about nine feet of snow in the south part of the county in the winter of 2003-04.

Babcock said it costs the Road Commission about \$5,000 just to send its fleet out on a "once-around" after a snowstorm.

As a result of the winter's draining effect on the Road Commission's budget, the Road Commission is planning to hold off on any major reconstruction projects this year unless its financial outlook improves over the next few months. A few planned stream crossing, bridge, and culvert projects will go ahead as planned this year, Babcock said.

Currently, the Road Commission crews are working on pothole patching and blading dirt roads. "We're trying to blade as much as we can. The frost is down, so we can blade a lot of the dirt roads. Some of them are too wet, yet. We're trying to take care of the worst ones," Babcock said.

Three environmental projects approved

► Scrap tires, milfoil invasion, large junk items to be addressed

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Environment projects concerning local scrap tire cleanup, lake preservation and junk collection have been approved for funding by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

In February, the Board approved the creation of a program for environmental projects within the county which would grant up to \$10,000 each year to municipalities, individuals and groups. However, applications for the grant monies must be made through the municipality in which the project will be conducted.

Funding for the program comes from the Enforcement and Recycling Fund created from revenue received from Waste Management for the operation of the Waters Landfill. No funding comes from the county's general fund toward the expense of environmental improvement projects.

On March 17, the Board approved \$4,000 for a county-wide scrap tire cleanup program to run in conjunction with the annual Household Hazardous Waste Day in June, another \$4,000 toward the application of herbicides in Lake Margrethe to fight the invasion of Eurasian Milfoil this summer, and \$720.96 to South Branch Township for the collection of large items, such as old furniture and mattresses during two one-day events scheduled for May 22 and September 11.

No metal, construction materials or appliances will be accepted. (Residents are asked to take those items to the scrap dealer located east of the township hall.)

South Branch Township Supervisor Joe Myers said the large item collection days are for South Branch residents only. A dump permit will be required.

Hours will be 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pioneer Road collection site; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the McMaster's Bridge Road site.

In each instance, the municipality requesting the grant funding agrees to a 25 percent match from their own coffers.

Grayling Township was the grant applicant for both the scrap tire cleanup project and the Lake Margrethe herbicide treatment, pledging a total of \$2,000, though reimbursement of a portion of the matching funds for the tire project has been requested from each township in the county. The scrap tire project is headed up by Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Lee Riley and Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright.

The Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association (LMPOA) and Camp Grayling are expected to contribute the majority of the funding to fight the milfoil invasion estimated to cost over \$15,000 in 2004 alone. The initial herbicide application in 2003 came with a price tag of about \$12,750.

LMPOA continues to raise funds to treat the lake and keep it from becoming choked with the fast-growing plant which could eventually deplete the lake of "trophy" species, such as walleye, perch and pike. It would also create murky waters, less desirable for swimming and other water recreation. If left untreated, ridding the lake of large-scale growth of milfoil could cost millions.

The organization currently has a fund balance of just over \$6,000 designated solely for the herbicide treatment in 2004. Anyone who uses the lake for "fun and sun," or for winter recreation, even if not a resident of the lakefront area, may wish to consider making a tax-deductible donation to help keep Lake Margrethe clear and healthy.

Make check or money order payable to Lake Margrethe Foundation, Milfoil Account, P.O. Box 583, Grayling, MI 49738.

COA narrows field to nine candidates

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

After looking through all of the applications for the directorship of the Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA), the Board of Directors has narrowed the field of nearly 150 to nine.

The Board also set a minimum salary of \$35,000 with a benefit package of \$5,000. The salary is negotiable.

The nine finalists are being contacted to see if they are still interested in the position.

Candidate interviews will be held April 12 at the Senior

Citizen Center beginning at 9:30 a.m. If all of the interviews are concluded that day, the finalist will be selected at a special board meeting set for April 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

If the interview process can not be concluded on April 12, the interviews will continue on April 19 and the finalist will be chosen at a special meeting on April 20 at the Senior Center at 9:30 a.m.

The COA Board plans to have the new director hired by May 1.

Late summer start date set for township streetscape

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A project complimenting the planned streetscape project on the I-75 Business Loop in Grayling is not scheduled to begin until September.

According to Jay Gailitis, engineer at the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Grayling Transportation Service Center, the tentative start date for the Grayling Township project is September 3.

The project includes an extension of the existing bicycle path, decorative paving including sidewalks, and planting of native tree species along M-72, west of Grayling, from M-93 east to the Grayling City Limits. Special landscaping and decorative street lighting are also part of the project.

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said approximately \$42,000 in town-

ship matching funds will be used, along with MDOT's stated \$207,868 contribution to the project. Wright said the improvements will create a more inviting atmosphere for businesses and visitors, as well as a boost to local morale.

Motorists should not find this project one that will stop the flow of traffic through the area, Gailitis said, unlike the recent widening project. The vast majority of work will occur alongside and away from the flow of traffic.

The project is slated for late summer because the weather at that time of year is most conducive to tree planting and the application of grass seeding, but not too cold for paving work. It will also begin following the busy summer motoring season.

MDOT has scheduled work on the project to be completed by October 15, 2004.

Death may be attributed to addictive painkiller

The unexpected death of a local man may have been caused by an overdose of a powerful painkiller.

Twenty-eight year old John Joseph Ryan was discovered unresponsive at the home of a friend in Roscommon County at around 8 p.m. on March 22. He had spent the morning with homeowner Dale Lacko, but apparently passed out at the kitchen table around noon.

The Roscommon County Sheriff's Department reported Lacko called for help after trying unsuccessfully to awaken Ryan a few hours later. Ryan was pronounced dead at Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

Lacko told police he thought Ryan may have been under the influence of something, but did not witness him taking any pills. An overdose of OxyContin is suspected by law enforcement to have caused Ryan's death. OxyContin, a prescription painkiller, is highly addictive and has become a popular recreational drug in the past five years, especially in rural areas.

Sparrow Hospital in Lansing has been tasked with the autopsy of Ryan's remains. Tests to determine whether Ryan died from an overdose of OxyContin or another substance are being conducted. Results will not be available for at least six weeks.

According to court records, Ryan had just completed a sentence in the Roscommon County Jail on a controlled substance possession charge, as well as driving under the influence.

Ryan's death is the second in just over a month in Roscommon County that may be attributed to a drug overdose involving prescription painkillers.

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Death under investigation

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies, Grayling City Police and Mobile Medical Response (MMR) responded to a medical emergency the morning of March 29 in Grayling Township.

Upon their arrival, Deputies discovered Jeffrey Hoesli, age 22 of Grayling, unresponsive in his residence. Life-saving efforts were made by both the officers on scene and ambulance personnel, without success.

Sheriff's Office personnel are conducting an investigation to determine the circumstances of Hoesli's death. An autopsy is scheduled for this week to determine the cause.

OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Condoleezza Rice may follow bad advice

ALL I KNOW about who said what to whom and when about September 11 and terrorism and the nation's readiness is what I read in the papers.

Richard Clarke, who worked for the last three presidential administrations warning various White House staffs about international terrorism, is in the eye of the storm these days.

His testimony before a bipartisan commission investigating the September 11 terrorist attacks and international terrorism in general is causing a big ruckus. So is his just published book recounting his White House years.

The crux of this essay, however, is not about what Mr. Clarke told his various White House bosses about terrorism, or how they reacted to his alerts and warnings.

Suffice it to say the current White House is not happy.

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CONDOLEEZZA RICE as national security advisor to the president seems to be carrying the load for the Bush Administration.

Ms. Rice has been all over television, newspapers, magazines and other public venues spreading the White House version of what happened and why, and generally rebutting many of Mr. Clarke's

claims.

She already has met with the special commission, and says she wants to talk with them again, but won't appear under oath or in public.

Why not? Her stance -- assumed to be dictated by the White House -- mystifies me. It doesn't make much sense, either politically or ethically.

Is there a different story than what the public, through the media, has been getting? Have these stories been untrue, so could not be repeated under oath? If she is reticent about talking, why make the media talk show rounds, write newspaper articles, grant interviews, and yet refuse to talk in open session with the commission?

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BACK IN THE old days, for a few years I was a political and public information specialist and advisor.

I believed then and I believe now that openness and truth best serve the politician or public official, and best serve the people, too.

Being open and honest especially during controversy is good politics. It's good government, too. Openness and honesty help to dispel controversy. You cannot win the argument or the support of the public with continued duplicity and evasiveness.

If I were asked how Ms. Rice or any other public figure involved in this present case should handle it, that would be my advice.

Of course, that's probably why I'm not asked for advice any more.

I would like to believe that Ms. Rice and other White House defenders who might seem to be evading issues are not really duplicitous or purposely trying to mislead, but rather simply that they're following bad advice.

That's what I would like to believe, but unless things open up a lot more, it may become a lot more difficult to believe.

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AGAINST ALL ENEMIES -- That's the name of Richard Clarke's new book, which just happened to reach publication at the time of the author's controversial testimony before the September 11 commission.

And, oh yes, there's a presidential campaign heating up right now, too.

Are all these things coincidence? Not exactly.

As most authors, if they're lucky, Mr. Clarke has been making the rounds of television shows promoting his book, and incidentally his viewpoints that the Bush White House did not pay proper heed

to his cautions about terrorism.

This is red meat for Bush opponents and their general theme that "we could have done it better ... and we will if you elect us in November."

Was the emergence of Richard Clarke at this time based on politics, and an attempt to hurt Republicans and help Democrats? It sure looks like it.

But consider the alternative. What if the book were published in September rather than March? What if the Clarke charges emerged weeks before the voters went to the polls, rather than seven months before election day? What if Mr. Clarke's testimony before the commission was similarly timed?

Such a sequence would be much more difficult for the White House to counter.

Another one of the old time political publicity rules is that the sooner some problem appears, the better, because there's more time to get your side of the story out. That adage may well apply in this case, too.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

by Michelle Hill, Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program

Check before you choose... to protect water quality

Spring is in the air! As the snow melts, and you discover you do still have a lawn, you may start thinking of the best way to make that lawn green again.

The store shelves are filling with every variety of fertilizer you can think of, so how do you choose which one is best for your lawn? The Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program (MGSP), in cooperation with Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) and the Conservation Districts, are here to help. By following four simple steps, your lawn will shape up quite nicely.

The first and most important step should be done even before you go into the store to buy your fertilizer products. Get a soil test! Your local MSUE office can loan you a soil probe and explain exactly how to collect the sample for the most accurate results.

You bring the sample back to them and they send it down to the main MSU campus for analysis. When finished, MSU sends the results back to the local MSUE office and the extension director adds simple-to-follow instructions for your site.

Now, by following the instructions from the test results, you can move on to the next step.

The second step in determining the best fertilizer choice for your project is to consider your plant type. Your garden area may require a different type of fertilizer than your lawn, for example. Different lawn types may also require different fertilizers. Again, be sure to tell your MSUE

office what type of plants you wish to fertilize so the appropriate recommendations can be made with your soil test results.

Now that you know the results of your soil tests and recommendations to follow, there is one last thing to do before buying your fertilizer. You should measure the area to be fertilized so you will know how much fertilizer you will need.

Buying only what you need prevents having to store fertilizer, which may take on moisture. This causes clumping and makes it hard to spread in the future. To determine your area, simply measure your lot size and subtract any areas that will not be fertilized, such as your house, outbuildings and paved areas.

Here's how: For rectangular areas, area equals the length multiplied by the width. For triangular areas, area equals the base length times the height, divided by two. For circular areas, the area can be figured by multiply the length by the width; multiply the result by .785. For combination areas, figure the areas of all shapes separately; then add those sums together.

Finally, it's time to buy your fertilizer. Reading the fertilizer label is very important in this step. Fertilizers have an analysis based upon percentages. For example, 22-3-12 means that the fertilizer is 22 percent nitrogen, three percent phosphorus, and 12 percent potash/potassium.

Now, calculate the amount needed for the area you will be fertilizing. For example: your soil test result recommendations

may say add one pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet three times a year. For a 3,500-square foot lawn, you would need a total of one pound of nitrogen/1,000 square feet x 3.5 = 3.5 pounds of nitrogen per application.

For the fertilizer analysis mentioned above, you would divide 3.5 by 22 percent or .22 which equals 15.9 pounds of fertilizer per application. You can measure this amount out with a scale or estimate the weight compared to the weight of the entire bag.

The fertilizer label will generally tell you the setting for your spreader as well. If not, consider a different brand or refer to your spreader directions.

That's it! These four steps may seem complicated at first, but with the help of your local MSUE office and the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program, it can be done.

Just remember, proper fertilizer management prevents burning plants, saves time and money, and prevents water pollution.

For more information on soil testing contact the Crawford County MSUE office at (989) 344-3264, or the Roscommon MSUE office at (989) 275-5043.

For more information on other ways you can help protect groundwater and surface water quality, contact Michelle Hill at the Missaukee Conservation District at (231) 839-7193.

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Will anything be done in duck, chicken shooting case?

To the editor,

My complaint is that two boys trespassed onto my property and did property damage. All I wanted was restitution for the shooting of my ducks and chickens.

I called the Sheriff's office and made out a report. The officer who came to the complaint would not write up a complaint report and I don't know why.

The Sheriff's office had turned it over to the Prosecutor's office. This complaint was made on August 29, 2003. It has been seven months since this hap-

pened.

I called once every two weeks and they tell me to call back in two weeks. This has been going on for seven months.

I feel that I have been put to the side for too long. I think it is time to do something about it.

That is the reason I am writing to the Avalanche. By putting this in the paper, it will wake them up. I would like to hear from the Prosecutor soon.

Robert L. Kayga
Grayling

EDITOR

Be a child's hero from age zero

The following information was adapted from materials prepared by Dr. Joan Lessen-Firestone and sponsored by the Michigan Ready to Succeed Partnership.

During the past decade our knowledge and understanding of brain growth and development has grown exponentially. We now know how to provide environmental stimulation that will create optimal neural wiring in the cortex and encourage the development of thoughtful, academically competent adults.

Research shows the critical connection between the quality of infants' emotional relationships and their later social behavior. Some windows of opportunity for affecting children's brain development are remarkably brief.

Research shows that the "wiring" of a child's brain, unlike the skeletal system, is not determined before birth. The brain's wiring occurs in direct response to the environmental input the child receives after birth.

During the first three years, normally developing children learn to speak, think, perform sophisticated movements and build interpersonal relationships. There is no other three-year period in which humans come close to matching the rate of these accomplishments.

PET scans comparing the brains of healthy and neglected three-year olds clearly show that this growth occurs as a function of the environment rather than heredity.

The cerebrum is the highest part of the brain and deals with thought processes. Research

indicates that the cortex -- the area of the cerebrum in which abstract thought occurs -- varies in thickness among individuals.

The thickness of the cortex, rather than the size or weight of the entire brain, is related to how smart individuals are -- that is, how quickly they can solve problems and learn new tasks.

The experiences a child has determines the thickness of the cortex. Genetic inheritance plays a role in children's intelligence; however, heredity only sets the range within which a child's intelligence is likely to fall. The environmental experiences a child receives determine the absolute level reached within this range.

The important cells in the cortex are neurons. All 100 billion neurons that an individual ever will possess are present in the brain at birth. Each neuron resembles a young tree before it develops its elaborate system of branches and roots.

As infants begin to receive appropriate stimulation -- stimulation that is sensory, novel, and challenging, such as the sight and sound of a new rattle -- the neurons begin to branch out.

The more communication occurs, the more branching that occurs, and the denser the forest of neurons becomes.

Though new neurons are not

created, the cortex becomes thicker because of the extensive network of branches and roots that develop among the existing neurons when children receive appropriate stimulation.

The remarkable growth and development of the neural cortex during the earliest years of life can occur only when a child feels emotionally secure in warm, stable relationships.

When children are constantly stressed, growth of the cortex simply does not grow. Stress occurs as the result of insecure attachment, abuse, neglect, fear, and inconsistent or disorganized parenting skills.

When children feel stressed they are unable to use their higher, thinking part of the brain and revert to functioning in the lower area of the brain stem and use the survival mechanisms of fight or flight to cope.

It is only when the period of stress ends, and children again feel secure, that learning and higher-level thought processes can resume.

Our challenge now is to act on this knowledge to ensure that all children born in Michigan reach kindergarten with the intellectual and emotional foundation necessary to enable them to become productive, contributing citizens.

For more information, visit www.readytosucceed.org.

Use other ways to get around

To the editor,

I am writing a letter in response to a letter published last week, titled "We are not dumb Americans."

I agree with Mr. Burkholder's comments concerning Americans not having the ability to stay at home and not consume. We are forced, either through habit or simply a matter of economics to be mobile and drive to different destinations.

Perhaps we are looking at the wrong side of the coin when we are concerned about gas and energy prices. Perhaps we should be thinking about alternative methods of transportation like bicycles.

While this is hardly practical at all during inclement weather and the winter months, many people get around town just fine on bikes other times of the year. Especially now that we have a

major bike path from the south end of Grayling up to the high school, more and more of us can still be mobile.

We can get back and forth to work, the store, schools and social visits with our friends without consuming gas while becoming a strong, healthy example to others. This is important considering how "fat" and out of shape Michigan is in relation to the other states in the country.

Not everyone can enjoy the benefits of bicycle transportation, however; I would bet there are many of us, myself included, who can certainly bike back and forth to the store or work more often than we do.

Eric Isaacson
Board Member
Michigan Mountain Biking Association
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BRIEFS

Crawford Historical Society to meet

The Board of Directors of the Crawford County Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 6 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library at 201 Plum Street in Grayling. All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month.

Travelogue to feature Morocco

The Grayling Promotional Association's (GPA) Community Cultural Events Program's Travel and Adventure Series will present "Casablanca - Travels in Morocco," a travelogue hosted by Hal McClure, on Thursday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rialto Theatre, on Michigan Avenue in Grayling. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6 for students and senior citizens, and are available by calling 348-7146, at the door or in advance at Flowers by Josie in Grayling. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. This is the fourth travelogue in the 2003-2004 series. The Travel and Adventure series is made possible by a partnership with Fick & Sons, Inc.

Retired federal employees to meet

The local chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 2305, will meet Thursday, April 1 at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church at 400 Michigan Avenue in Grayling. (Use the Spruce Street entrance.) The meeting begins at approximately 12:10 p.m. Lunch will be available at the church prior to the meeting. Membership in NARFE is open to civilians with service in any agency of federal or District of Columbia government, including retirees, former employees, current employees and spouses and surviving spouses. For more information, call Rudy Martinez at 348-5326.

Auxiliary plans Easter Feather Party

Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465 will hold an Easter Feather Party on Sunday, April 4, at the Eagles Hall on Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling. Bingo games start at 1:30 p.m. There will be cash prizes, food baskets including ham, and door prizes. Everyone is welcome to come early and join in the fun.

Senior Center to hold Easter Dinner

The Crawford County Commission on Aging Senior Citizen Center, located at 308 Lawndale in Grayling, will host an Easter Dinner on Tuesday, April 6 at 5 p.m. A special menu is being planned and the Banjo Picker and Friends will be playing live music for listening and dancing. Everyone is welcome. Call the Senior Center at 348-7123 for reservations.

Retired state employees to meet

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held Tuesday, April 6, at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will meet Thursday, April 8 at the county courthouse at 7 p.m. The group meets the second Thursday of each month and everyone is welcome. For more information, call 348-7037.

Forestry training classes offered

MSU Extension announces the following Sustainable Forestry Education training programs for logging contractors, foresters, and landowners in April: Basic Equipment Maintenance and Safety, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 1; Wildlife Management from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Cedar Management from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on April 7. Classes will be held at the Crawford County Courthouse Basement, 200 West Michigan Avenue in Grayling. There is no charge to attend the classes and there must be a minimum of five enrolled or the programs will be cancelled. To register, call the MSUE Crawford County office at (989) 344-3263 or (989) 344-3281; or register online at www.msue.msu.edu/crawford/sfe.htm.

Wildlife planting workshop to precede annual tree sale

The Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District will be conducting a workshop to assist landowners in the selection, planting and care of tree and wildlife shrub seedlings.

This event is free of charge and will be held on Saturday, April 17 at 1 p.m. at the CRAF Center in downtown Roscommon.

The workshop will also cover wildlife habitat enhancement for landowners; along with what types of shrubs to plant in differ-

ent types of soil.

Space is limited, therefore reservations are being taking at (989) 275-5231.

This workshop precedes the District's Annual Spring Tree Sale at which the Conservation District will have a selection of trees, shrubs, woodland ferns and woodland bulbs to choose from. The Tree Sale will be held Friday, April 23 from noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Church offers four days of mission presentations

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community's Mission is scheduled for Palm Sunday through Wednesday, April 4-7. Father Patrick Collins will be conducting the Mission and preaching at all weekend masses for Palm Sunday.

On Palm Sunday, April 4, a parish potluck dinner will be served at 6 p.m. in the Family Center, followed by a spiritual concert entitled, "The Meaning of Human Love," which ends with the love of Jesus on the cross. Those who plan to attend dinner are asked to bring a dish to pass.

Presentations each evening will begin at 6 p.m. in the church. The theme of the three evening presentations is "The Triduum."

• On Monday, April 5 at 6 p.m. there will be Evening Prayer, with the presentation of "Holy Thursday."

• On Tuesday, April 6, at 6 p.m. there will be Evening Prayer, with the presentation of "Good Friday."

• On Wednesday, April 7 at 6 p.m., there will be Evening Prayer, with the presentation of

"Holy Saturday" (Easter Vigil).

Morning Mass will also be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, followed by a presentation each day in the Family Center. Coffee and donuts/rolls will be served. Topics for morning presentations are:

• Monday - "Wisdom Advantaged Folks (talk and discussion about senior years).

• Tuesday - "Young People and Their Relationship to the Church - Problems and Possibilities."

• Wednesday - "People Adrift - The Crisis in the Catholic Church."

Also, there will be afternoon sessions of Liturgical Ministries at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday targeting young married people, singles (widowed, divorced). Attendees to these sessions should feel welcome to bring a brown bag meal and eat during the presentation and stay on to attend the evening service in church.

For more information, call the church at 348-7657.

Hospice offers grief support groups

Hospice of Michigan is holding a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief.

"The purpose of this six-week series is to provide an understanding of what one may experience as they grieve the death of a loved one. To know that they are not alone, that others feel as they do, may provide assurance and assist in the healing," said Carolynne Wegmeyer, Grief Support Services Manager for Hospice of Michigan.

Hospice of Michigan provides support and education by walking with those who are grieving and helping others to do the same through comprehensive individual and group programs. It provides services to anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one, whether or not the person was a hospice patient.

The "Living with Grief" series begins Tuesday, April 13 at noon and continues for six consecutive

Tuesdays. Registration is required. For more information, or to register, call Wegmeyer at (989) 732-2151 or toll-free 1-800-449-5560.

Region's Agency on Aging to hold public hearing

The Region IX Area Agency on Aging will conduct a public hearing on its proposed Area Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year 2005.

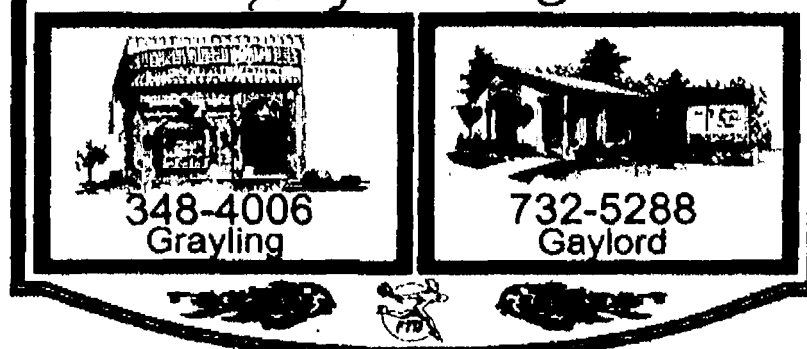
The plan will address distribution of funds and provision of services under the Older Americans Act, for the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, and Roscommon.

The hearing will be held Monday, April 26 at 10 a.m. at the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA), 2375 Gordon Road in Alpena.

A summary of the plan will be available at the hearing, or upon request, 15 days prior to the public hearing. Copies may be obtained at the Region IX Area Agency on Aging at the NEMCSA office in Alpena (address stated earlier), or by calling (989) 356-3473, ext. 261.

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The Bible Speaks

Love Him or Hate Him

Some of you have probably been touched by the brave martyrdom of John Kelley in Iraq. Some find the story repulsive and offensive. They believe the people of Iraq should have been left in tyranny under Saddam Hussein and their own religious culture. They believe soldiers, preachers, and missionaries are wrong to stick their noses in other people's business. It reminds me of the religious liberal leader to went to one of the Pacific islands which was cannibalistic before Christian missionaries reach them. He asked to speak to the chief of the village to apologize for the damage the missionaries had done to their culture. The chief responded to the apology with a very plain and forceful answer: "You see that big pot over there. If the Christian missionaries had not come to us and preached the gospel of Jesus Christ, you would be in that pot right now and we would be eating you for supper."

The person, work, and word of Jesus Christ challenge this world system. As Jesus told His disciples in John 15:18-24: "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. 19If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. 20Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. 21But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. 22If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin; but now they have no cloak

for their sin. 23He that hateth me hateth my Father also. 24If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin; but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father." Jesus also said in John 16:1-3: "These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. 2They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. 3And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me."

The world will tolerate any degrading of the person, work, or word of Jesus Christ. You did not hear the world complain when the movie "The Last Temptation of Christ," was released in 1988 implying fornication between Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene. They defended that as free speech. They did not complain when "Jesus Christ, Superstar" came out in 1973 depicting Jesus Christ as a rock star. Did you hear any public reaction when "Jesus Christ Vampire Hunter," was released? Where were the complaints when "Godspell," was released depicting Jesus in sensitive clown makeup; teardrop eyeliner and a sweet heart on his forehead? It seems any Jesus is just fine with the world except the Lord Jesus Christ of the Bible.

Of course, you know where I'm going. Why the fire storm about Mel Gibson's movie about the Passion of Christ which depicts the suffering of the last twelve hours of Jesus Christ before He died on the cross. I don't remember any liberals being concerned with anti-Semitism when Jesus was being discredited in earlier movies as a fornicator, homosexual, deceiver, or jokester? Would slan-

dering any other Jew with these outrageous attacks be judged anti-Semitism? In fact, the more Jesus Christ is demeaned the more liberal Jews seem to like it. It seems only when you tell the truth about Jesus Christ that they are bitterly offended.

Well, you may wonder, Pastor B. have you even seen the movie people are talking about? No! But I've read the book Jesus gave me many times. And if you have read and studied the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John there is little left to know about the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As Paul said in 1 Cor. 15:3,4: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." This is the gospel of Jesus Christ as simple as it can be stated. Maybe you have seen movies about Jesus Christ, but have you ever met Him face to face as your God and Savior? Have you realized He died for you on the cross of Calvary? Have you trusted Him as your God and Savior to forgive your sins, and give you eternal life? Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/~cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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OBITUARIES

Ethel V. Hummel

Dec. 18, 1910 - Mar. 28, 2004

Ethel V. Hummel, 93, of Maple Forest Township, died at the Grayling Nursing Centre March 28, 2004.

Mrs. Hummel was born December 18, 1910 to David and Jennie (Rockfellow) Ervin in Oscoda County. She married Stanley S. Hummel on June 23, 1928.

She worked at the gift shop and concession at Hartwick Pines State Park.

Mrs. Hummel is survived by one daughter Linda (David) Gullion of Kentfield, CA; two sons: Stanley (Louise) Hummel Jr. of Roswell, GA and Francis (Cindy) Hummel of Farmington Hills; 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Stanley S. Hummel on December 31, 1979; four sons: Herbert, Jack, Rolly, and Al; and eight siblings.

Funeral services will be held on April 1, at 11 a.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home with Lecl Sullivan and Darren Briggs officiating.

Visitation is on March 31, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home.

Burial will be in the Maple Forest Township Cemetery.

The family requests memorial be sent to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Get ready to draw! It's time for Pictionary Olympics

► Animal Shelter of Crawford County ready to defend its title

Get ready, get set, go! It's time once again to sharpen those skills and enter your business, organization or family group in the 17th Annual Pictionary Olympics, sponsored by the Grayling Parade Committee.

Last year's competition saw the team from the Animal Shelter of Crawford County blow away the competition in record time and team members are looking forward to defending their title. They know it won't be easy as the judges will probably be tough on them and the competition will be fierce... but fun!

The Grayling Parade Committee is asking businesses and community groups, as well as families to sponsor a team of four to compete in the April 23 event. Entry fee is a donation of \$60 per team and all proceeds benefit the 2004 AuSable River Festival Parade.

Contestants are asked to come dressed in T-shirts representing their business, organization or family and humor is encouraged. Trophies and lots of local public-

ity will be awarded the winners.

Those who wish to attend this competition as a spectator, are encouraged to come and have some fun while cheering your favorite team on to victory... or some other less noble fate. Admission will be \$2 at the door and those proceeds also benefit this year's parade. Food and drink will be available.

Don't wait too long to enter a team because space is limited to 25 teams for this event.

The 17th Annual Pictionary Olympics will be held Friday, April 23 at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Norway Street in Grayling. The Knights of Columbus has requested that all water weapons be prohibited and that children not attend.

For those who have not received an entry form, send name of business, organization or family group, address, telephone number and the names of four team members along with a check for \$60 (payable to Grayling Parade Committee) to: Pictionary Olympics, Grayling Parade Committee, P.O. Box 150, Grayling, MI 49738.

Any questions about the event should be directed to Mary Jo Bickman at 348-6511 or Nancy Hunt at 348-2654.

Production of 'The Garden' features local vocal talents

Local residents Stacey Rosin-Gay, Sarah Kaiser and George Rosin say they are all very excited to be featured in the upcoming production of "The Garden," an allegorical oratorio.

"The Garden" is a tribute to Jesus Christ, filled with beautiful, stirring music and a unique storytelling design that makes the performance wonderful for all ages. All involved agree, the music is powerful and moving.

Three of the soloists are presented as real personages.

George Rosin, of Frederic, provides and overwhelming performance of Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane as he sings, "Not My Will."

The Landlord is portrayed by Larry Reichert, of Gaylord. His amazing voice, known by many in the area, is extremely powerful as he provides opposition and adversity to all the other members of the garden.

Jonathan Nelson, of Traverse City, as The Gardener, portrays the spiritual leader who cares for the elements of the garden.

Because this is an allegory, the story also progresses through the four other soloists who are elements of The Garden that represent the different trials each of us experiences.

John Moore, of Gaylord, who has added his talents to many Gaylord productions, will sing the tale of the Milestone, who feels nothing.

Ron Johnston, of Lewiston, will sing of the consequences of bad choices, as the Ram caught in the thicket.

Stacey Rosin-Gay, of Frederic, presented as the Barren Tree, sings a haunting song of the "fruit" she longs to hold, and the Seedling's song is of disappointment, angelically sung by Sarah Kaiser, also of Frederic.

The other beautiful voices will be heard from "The Garden" choir, under the direction of Cheryl Wagner, of Gaylord.

The production of "The Garden" will be presented Saturday, April 10 at 3 p.m. in the Al Gornick Auditorium at Gaylord High School. All proceeds will benefit area charities and organizations. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$8 for senior citizens and students. Group rates are also available.

Tickets are on sale at Saturn Booksellers on Main Street in Gaylord. For more information, call (989) 344-0622.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Longtime Grayling resident Arbutus Schofield celebrated her 90th birthday on March 25.

Mrs. Schofield was born March 25, 1914 in Oscoda County. She lived in a number of locations in northern Michigan throughout her childhood and her family was one of the last to live in Deward.

She graduated from Alba High School in 1931 and moved to Grayling in 1933. She has resided here since that time.

She married the late John Schofield in 1935 and raised three children: John Jr. (deceased), Ronald, and Glenda Sampsel.

Card of Thanks

Thank you, Dr. Benenati, Casey, and to all of the wonderful staff at Mercy Hospital. Also, a big thanks to my friends, co-workers, clients, Dave, Mom and Anthony for the cards, flowers and the best care-giving around. You are all the best.

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Get a new shed at cost in Building Trades contest

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School (GHS) Construction Trades program is usually involved in building a house. This year, however, the class helped restore a house in Grayling that suffered fire damage.

In addition, they have been working on various modules in the construction trades lab. The lab has several modules for the students to learn how to drywall, how to frame a building (or room), how to install siding and shingles, and how to wire a building (or room) among other things.

After spring break, the students will build a shed for the lucky winner of a shed purchase contest.

If you are interested in purchasing a new shed built by these students, stop at the GHS main office and turn in your name, address and phone number by April 22. The school will be closed from April 2 through April 12 for spring break.

The drawing will be held April 23 in the construction trades lab.

After the winner is chosen (s)he will have a chance to sit down with instructor Joe Ferrigan to design the building. Once the details are worked out the winner will have to pay for the materials before construction can begin. The cost will be anywhere from \$400 on up, depending on the size, siding, number of windows and other details.

When the shed is finished it will be trucked to the winner's home.

A contest was deemed the best way to handle the expected demand for sheds. In fact,



Photos by Susan Warrington

Nate Helsel (left) and Joe Ferrigan practice putting down shingles in one of the modules at the GHS Construction Trades lab. These modules give the students valuable experience on a small scale before they begin construction of a house.

DuBois Lumber, who has been very supportive of the program, has expressed an interest in having the students make a model shed for them.

Next year, they plan on building more sheds on a first come - first served basis.

David Gilliland (front) and Dustin Harmer are working in one of the dry-wall modules in the GHS Construction Trades lab. Right behind them students are taking down drywall (which accounts for all the dust particles in the picture) so they can learn how to remodel existing structures.



Opportunities available to develop healthy youth

► April is 'Youth Health Month,' Munson offers tips, services

Munson Healthcare has named April "Youth Health Month." To help your child or teen make healthy lifestyle decisions, Munson Healthcare is offering programs to promote health and safety of youth in our community.

For instance, on April 17-18, Munson is involved in sponsoring the "Save A Life Tour" Drunk Driving Simulator. This state-of-the-art simulator will provide an opportunity for teens and adults to "experience" the effects that increasing amounts of alcohol have on reaction time and judgment.

The simulator will be available to the public on Saturday, April 17, at Tom's in Acme from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Sunday, April 18, at the Grand Traverse Mall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Following are some tips to help families stay healthy.

Tips For Parents

Is your teen getting enough sleep? Most don't. Eight hours a night is the minimum and many teens require more. Insist on a regular bedtime, especially during the week.

Make time every day to talk with your child. Ask questions. Don't settle for "fine" as a response to "How was your day?"

Do you know what your teen eats? Because they are so busy, many don't eat well. Stress the importance of good nutrition, especially during these years when their bodies are growing so rapidly.

Negotiate appropriate discipline with your child when boundaries are crossed - then follow through. Talk with other parents to establish consistent boundaries among your child's peers.

Make it possible for your child or teen to participate in arts, sports, recreation, religious, and other constructive activities. Make homework, school activities, and planning for future education a priority. Provide opportunities for your teen to learn life skills by empowering them to make family decisions.

Well-child check-ups are still important. Make sure you schedule an annual appointment for your teen.

Tips for Youth

Exercise keeps you fit, increases your energy level, and gives you a sense of well-being. Make time for it every day. Make healthy food choices. Substitute water or milk for soda or juice.

Talk to someone you have never spoken to before. You might just make a new friend. Try a new sport or join a new club. Turn off the TV. Step away from the video game. Read a good book instead. Choose to be a non-smoker. Have a good laugh. It's important to not take life too seriously all the time.

For information on other April Youth Health programs or for a complete list of offerings, call 1-800-4-MUNSON. For more information on child and teen health and the issues faced by today's youth, visit munson-healthcare.org.

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You've tried the rest, now try the Sandy Koufax diet

By Ernie Harwell



Did you know that 30 percent of Americans will eat everything on their plate - no matter how much food is there? When you consider that portions in restaurants have increased over the years, you can begin to understand one aspect of our country's growing obesity problem.

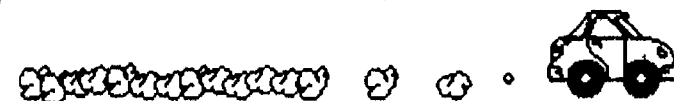
Sandy Koufax, the great pitcher for the Dodgers, had a good idea about eating - and this was long before dieting got as popular as it is now. He'd go out to a restaurant and he would eat half of what was served to him, no matter what it was. If it was a 16-ounce steak, he'd eat 8 ounces. If it was a bowl of soup, he'd eat a half a bowl of soup. And it's not a bad idea because you've got to get over the feeling that it's bad to leave food on your plate.

So next time you sit down for a meal, forfeit your membership in the "Clean Plate Club." You might find that it's just the trick to help you take a few extra inches off the waistline.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's longgggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available in bookstores beginning April 2004.

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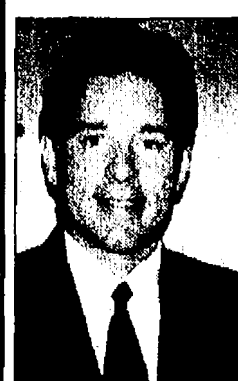
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Most of you are probably aware that my office suite at 1200 N. Down River Rd., Grayling, MI, was damaged extensively on February 10, 2004, by fire. Medical records were either destroyed or severely damaged in the blaze. At this time I am uncertain when and where I will reopen my practice in the future. If you have an emergency call 911. I advise all patients to seek alternative health care at this time with other providers in the area including Suzie Blachard FNP, Dr. Todoroff, or any of the Mercy Health System providers in the area. For urgent medical needs go to the nearest medical facility or emergency room. I have made arrangements with local pharmacies to fill prescriptions daily as needed by patients. I will continue to do this through April 9, 2004. Any remaining refills you have will also be honored.

With the assistance of Mercy Hospital and West Branch Regional Medical Center I will soon be receiving copies of all tests and labs completed since mid-January so that I may contact you regarding results and further followup. Because our billing system was located off-site I will be receiving a complete patient list with phone numbers and addresses soon. I apologize for the inconvenience this situation has caused you, especially those of you who traveled to the office for appointments after February 10, 2004, because you were not aware of the fire.

It has truly been a privilege and a pleasure to be a part of your health care team. I have enjoyed learning more about you and your families. My spirit continues to be lifted by your cards, letters, and calls encouraging me to continue the practice of medicine in spite of everything that has happened the past several years. Your continued support is very motivational and certainly greatly appreciated.

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The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior

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This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Thursday, April 1 - Pork cutlet/Baked cod; Aerobics 10 a.m.; Craft Class 10 a.m.; B.P.'s taken 11 a.m. - noon.

Friday, April 2 - Beef goulash/no dinner; Stagette Club 1 p.m.; Pantry Bingo 1 p.m.

Saturday April 3 - Foot clinic, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please call for an appointment and bring your own towel.

Sunday April 4 - Sunday Brunch 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Monday, April 5 - Italian round steak/Kielbasa and kraut; Aerobics 10 a.m.; Stag Club

noon; Bridge Club 1 p.m.; Hangman 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 6 - Spanish rice and ground beef/Easter dinner (5 p.m.); Bible Study 10 a.m.; Income Tax Service 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Euchre 1 p.m.; Easter Egg Hunt 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 7 - Beef stew/Chicken Parmesan; Commodities 9:30 a.m. - 1:340 p.m.; Exercise & Line Dance 10:00 a.m.; Hearing Clinic 10 a.m.; Stag Club 12 noon; Cardo 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays - salad bar; Mondays and Wednesdays - soup bar.

All Crawford County senior citizens and their families are welcome and encouraged to visit the Senior Center in Grayling.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 81 complaints the week of March 22-28:

Two hazardous situations, four traffic accidents, six non-traffic accidents, three traffic violations

(civil infractions), one parking violations, one traffic safety public appearance, one accident - fire, one motor vehicle inspection, four civil matter disputes - family trouble, eight suspicious situations, one lost and found property, nine general non-criminal, four delinquent minors, one runaway, two false alarm activations, one assault and battery/simple assault, one larceny, one larceny - from yards, one damage to property, one family offense/abuse/neglect, nine public peace/disorderly, two OUIL/UBAL, three health and safety, two conservation, five miscellaneous criminal offenses, three miscellaneous arrests, four driving violations/DWLS, etc.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?"

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner reports his department handled the following types of complaints during the period of March 21-28:

Four larceny, two traffic warnings, five misdemeanor arrests, one civil infraction citation, one alarm, six assist other departments, one disturbing the peace, one city ordinance violation, one OUIL, three juvenile, one attempt to locate, two fire responses, one purchase permit, one animal control, two suspicious situation, and eight unclassified.



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Heart attack patients have a 25 percent lower risk of dying within a year of leaving the hospital if their doctors and nurses follow standard national guidelines for their care, and teach them how to stick to those standards at home.

This major effect on mortality rates, seen in 2,800 Medicare patients treated at 33 Michigan hospitals, is the first evidence that standardized heart care saves lives.

The University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center physician Kim Eagle, M.D., FACC, who helped lead the project described how the ACC's Guidelines Applied in Practice (GAP) Project improved the chances that heart attack patients received all the recommended tests, drugs and lifestyle advice. The project also made sure that before they left the hospital, patients pledged that they understood their disease, their medications, and the need to change their smoking, eating and exercise habits.

This improved care led to a 25 percent lower death rate at 30 days and one year for patients treated after the hospitals in the study implemented the GAP guidelines, compared with those treated before the project began.

"We're thrilled to be able to show this strong link between guidelines-based care and lower mortality," says Eagle. "This proves the benefit of working to close the gap between what we know works for patients and what we deliver on a daily basis."

The GAP project was previously shown to increase the chances that hospitalized heart attack patients would get proven medications to prevent complications and future problems, such as aspirin and beta blockers. Prior GAP results had also shown that reminder stickers on patient charts, and a checklist and contract that must be completed by both the nurse and the patient before discharge from the hospital, made it more likely that patients would get risk-reducing lifestyle advice.

But the new results are the

first to show that this increased use of proven therapy and patient-involvement techniques can actually reduce the risk of patients dying soon after they leave the hospital.

"We know more than ever about what it takes to help heart attack patient do well after they go home, but the fast pace of hospital care and the lack of coordination has kept many from getting all those proven therapies in the past," says Eagle. "Now, we've shown that standardizing care really makes a difference."

Eagle says he hopes the new data will help convince hospitals across the nation to implement measures like the standard orders, pocket guides, chart stickers, discharge checklists and performance reports that helped the 33 GAP hospitals improve their adherence to guidelines.

And, he hopes that soon, forgetting to give a patient a guideline-recommended medication or to educate them about the need to stop smoking or start exercising will be seen as a medical error. "We need to flip this system completely over, and create ways to absolutely guarantee guideline-based care," he says. "The cup is half empty, and we need to fill it to the brim."

He notes that both the ACC GAP toolkit, and the American Heart Association's "Get With the Guidelines" initiative to encourage doctors to follow standards for heart care, will help give patients better care and a chance at a longer, healthier life. But this will happen, he warns, only if hospital administrators, physicians and nurses take the effort seriously.

GAP involved 383 cardiologists at hospitals around southeast Michigan. It was led by 105 nurses and physicians who championed the project at their hospitals. In addition to the ACC, the study partners are the Michigan chapter of the ACC, the Michigan Peer Review Organization, the Greater Detroit Area Health Council through its Southeast Michigan Quality Forum for

Cardiovascular Care, and the Greater Flint Health Coalition.

Cecelia Montoye, MSN, consultant to the ACC, served as project manager. "One cannot say enough about the hard work that each hospital's physician and nurse-leaders did to identify and overcome barriers during project implementation," she says. "Their efforts have allowed us to document the lessons learned to apply to all quality improvement projects."

The idea for the project originally grew out of a U-M Health System initiative aimed at improving adherence to ACC heart attack guidelines. A pilot group of 10 hospitals joined the project in 1999 after the ACC selected U-M as the lead institution, and the list grew to 33 by 2002. The study hospitals were of all different sizes and types, from small community facilities to major urban and tertiary-care medical centers.

The new data come from a random sample of half the heart attack patients treated at each hospital before the GAP project was implemented there, and a random sample of nearly all the patients treated in the time after the GAP rollout at each hospital.

The patients were elderly and not very healthy, with an average age around 76 years and high rates of smoking, heart failure, high blood pressure, diabetes and previous heart attack. A large percentage had invasive procedures - angiographies, angioplasties or bypass operations - during their post-heart attack hospital stay.

The GAP effort made a big difference in the prescriptions they received both early and late in their hospital stay. Before GAP, only 19.8 percent of the patients were treated using standard orders that guide doctors and nurses on care. But after GAP was implemented, this percentage approached 46 percent.

Even better was the improvement in use of the discharge tool that is designed to help patients understand and take charge of their care. Written in simple language, with a place for patients to sign a pledge to take

care of themselves, the discharge tool brings the patients into the triangle of care along with the doctor and nurse. It emphasizes adherence to medication regimens, the importance of regular follow-up visits, and the vast increase in heart risk posed by smoking.

Over 21.6 percent of patients in the pre-GAP group died within a month of leaving the hospital, as documented on their Medicare records. That percentage dropped to 16.7 percent in the post-GAP group.

At one year, 38.3 percent of the pre-GAP patients had died, compared with 33.2 percent of those treated after GAP was implemented.

When Eagle and his colleagues looked more closely at the group of patients who received the discharged tool and contract, the effect was even greater. They were nearly 50 percent less likely to die within a month or year of discharge than those treated before GAP was implemented.

Eagle acknowledges that opportunities to improve remain even in the hospitals that have been using the GAP toolkit the longest. But he's hopeful that as the work of GAP's beneficial effect on mortality grows, doctors and nurses will miss fewer and fewer chances to treat patients well, and patients will take their responsibilities more seriously.

"The degree of improvement we've demonstrated in Michigan is at least matched by the opportunity that remains," he says. "We need to move from a culture of missed opportunity to a system that guarantees quality and accountability."

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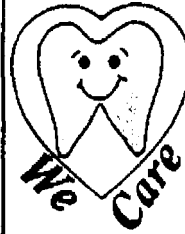
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Until now, a disabled motorist's complete driver's license number was recorded on the placard. A directive by Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land changes the Department of State policy so that only the first letter and last three digits of a driver's license number.

"Identity theft is one of the fastest-growing crimes, and identity thieves routinely prey on the vulnerable," Land said. "This pre-emptive action protects the personal privacy of our disabled residents, while still satisfying the needs of law enforcement."

All new disability placards issued by the department will display the one-letter, three-number designation. It is

important to note the placards currently in circulation remain valid. However, individuals with placards who would like the new designation can bring them to any Secretary of State office for modification.

Alteration of the placards by private individuals is illegal and can result in a parking citation.

Disability parking placards may be obtained at any Secretary of State branch office. A statement by a physician is required as part of the application process. There is no fee for an original placard or when renewing a permanent placard.

Permanent disability placards are blue and are issued for four years. They are issued when there is no medical expectation that the disability will improve. Temporary disability placards are red and are valid for up to six months. They are issued when there is a medical expectation that the disability will improve. There were 568,000 permanent and 26,000 temporary placards in circulation at the end of 2003.

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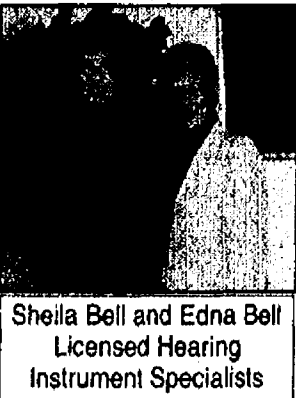
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New notary public laws now in effect

LANSING — Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds all notaries public, county clerks and interested parties that new notary fees and processes go into effect April 1.

The Michigan Notary Public Act (PA 238 of 2003) consists of the most comprehensive change in notary law in more than 150 years. The new law streamlines the application process, extends the length of new appointments by an additional two years, and creates a Notary Education and Training Fund from a portion of the fees collected by the state and county clerks.

"Notaries are an integral part of the fight to combat fraud by helping to ensure that transactions are performed in an ethical and honest manner," Land said. "This law will help to improve the quality and uniformity of notary services in Michigan."

Under the new law, active Michigan notaries public retain their commissions and are not required to reapply until their commissions are about to expire. However, beginning April 1, notaries must adhere to all the

new laws including those regarding fees, restrictions and liability.

Highlights of the Michigan Notary Act:

- Streamlines the application process by requiring the bond and oath up front, eliminating the cost of printing commissions for those who do not secure a bond.
- Establishes statewide appointments.
- Extends notary commissions from four years to six years.
- Removes the judicial/legislative endorsement and requirement for applicants.
- Requires notaries to read and write in English, and to be U.S. citizens, or show proof of legal presence in the U.S.
- Allows Secretary of State to conduct criminal background checks of applicants.
- Establishes new notary crimes, including sanctions for notary employees.
- Establishes a Notary Education and Training Fund from a portion of the fees collected by the state and the county clerk. Grants from the fund will support programs that assist county clerks and their staffs with notary responsibilities or

election processes.

• Prohibits notarization for "family members" (spouse, domestic partner, ancestor, descendant, or sibling, including in-laws, steps, or half relatives.)

• Increases maximum fee that notaries may charge for a notary act from \$2 to \$10.

• Increases application fee at state level from \$3 to \$10, and establishes county-level application fee at \$10, (except in Wayne County where the fee may be different).

• Establishes \$10 fee for a duplicate notary commission certificate to replace an original.

A notary public is an officer appointed by the Michigan Secretary of State to attest to the authenticity of a person's signature, to administer oaths, and to witness acknowledgements.

Notarization on a document certifies that the person named on it appeared before the notary, displayed valid identification, and signed the documents in the physical presence of the notary.

For more information on the Michigan Notary Public Act, visit the Secretary of State web site at www.michigan.gov/sos.

Seat open on County Housing Commission

by Cheryl Ruley
 Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is seeking candidates to fill a seat on the Crawford County Housing and Rehabilitation Commission. Current Housing Commissioner Paul Burke is not seeking reappointment to the seat.

Applicants should be a resident of the county, have some banking knowledge and, most importantly, have a genuine interest in the condition of the housing stock for local residents. This position comes with a five-year term, beginning April 15, 2004.

Members of the Housing Commission discuss many housing issues, including acquisition, grant funding, special programs and the needs of county residents. They participate in decision-making at monthly meetings and work directly with Housing Director Cy Wakeley in efforts to improve the quality of housing in the county, with a focus on the availability and rehabilitation of low-income housing.

Applications for appointment to the Housing Commission can be picked up at the County Clerk's office located in the County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue in Grayling. The deadline to apply is April 9.

Any questions regarding service on the Housing Commission may be directed to Sandra Moore, Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds at (989) 344-3200.

The County Board of Commissioners is expected to make their appointment in April.

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Mugg Brewery to open soon

Local business woman, Anita Mugg, has purchased the old Rayburn Estate property from the State of Michigan and has received a special use permit for the construction of a combination brewery and winery.

"The property is perfect for what I have planned," said Mugg. "The soil has been tested and the vineyard will be planted within the next few weeks. Of course, it will be a few years before we are producing wine."

Next month, residents near the property may notice a lot of activity as construction begins on the beer brewing facility. Mugg said she has acquired the old copper vats from the now-

defunct Stroh's Brewery and guarantees a great product.

The only problem Mugg has is finding enough workers knowledgeable of the brewing process. But, the curriculum committee of the local school board has answered her call for help.

Beginning in the 2004-2005 school year, the local high school will offer beer-making classes to train the future workforce at the brewery. Boilermaker classes will also be offered to provide skilled maintenance workers.

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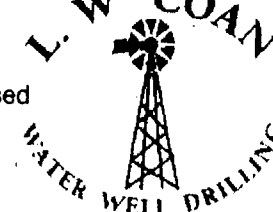
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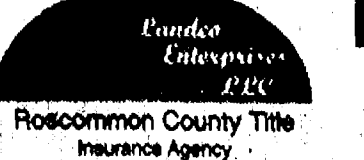
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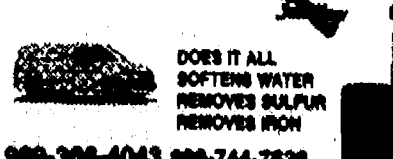

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State steps up efforts to stop Emerald Ash Borer

Based up the results of extensive survey activities, the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) has amended the state's Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) quarantine, effective March 25. These efforts should help stop the spread of the pest's infestation and keep it out of northern Michigan and other unaffected areas.

"This effort is part of the state's overall EAB response and eradication strategy, and helps ensure that the state is quickly incorporating new information as it develops to prevent further spread and minimize the economic and environmental damage this pest is capable of causing," said MDA Director Dan Wyant. "In order to be successful, however, this effort also requires the awareness and cooperation of all Michigan residents, especially those doing business, living or visiting any area included in the quarantine."

The destructive invasive insect was first identified in Michigan in July 2002. MDA issued a quarantine prohibiting the movement of all ash trees, materials and firewood from the affected counties Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne. In August 2003, the quarantine was expanded to include the surrounding seven counties of Shiawassee, Jackson, Ingham, Lenawee, Genesee, Lapeer, and St. Clair as a buffer.

The most recent action now also identifies and regulates eight "outlier" (isolated pockets of infestation apart from the known generally infested area resulting from artificial movement rather than natural spread) sites. These new quarantined outlier sites are located outside the 13-county quarantine of southeast Michigan and include the following cities/townships or sections within: Berrien County - St. Joseph; Calhoun County - Albion, Marshall; Eaton County - Delta Township, Potterville; Kent County - Wyoming; Saginaw County - Shields, St. Charles.

For maps with specific boundaries of these outlier site quarantines, visit www.michigan.gov/mda. The quarantine provisions for outlier sites are the same as the 13-county quarantine, no firewood of any type or ash material greater than one-inch chips can be moved from the regulated area. Visitors and campers planning vacations or weekends in Crawford County should plan to buy their firewood within the county. Firewood is available for sale at a number of service stations, convenience or party stores and from roadside stands throughout the county.

Wyant noted the above sites are currently undergoing eradication and/or interim containment (ash tree removal and trap/sentinel trees) activities to eliminate and control the borer. Including them

in the quarantine is simply an extra precaution to help prevent any potential EAB spread.

Additionally, the "core" area of general EAB infestation is being redefined based on the survey data that has been collected over the past seven months. Under the provisions of this quarantine, regulated material is prohibited from leaving the identified core, not even to the remaining quarantined areas. Townships, and all villages and/or cities contained within, now included in the core are:

Genesee County - Argentine, Atlas, Burton, Clayton, Davison, Fenton, Gaiensee, Grand Blanc, and Mundy, plus all of Flint; Ingham County - Leroy, Locks, Stockbridge, and White Oak; Jackson County - Blackman, Columbia, Grass Lake, Henrietta, Leoni, Liberty, Napoleon, Norvell, Summit, Rives, and Waterloo; Lapeer County - Almont, Attica, Dryden, Elba, Hadley, Imlay, Lapeer, and Metamora; Livingston County - Entire county, adding Cohoctah, Conway, Deerfield, Handy, Howell, Iosco, Marion, Putnam, Tyrone, and Unadilla; Macomb County - Entire county, adding Armada, Bruce, Lenox, Ray, and Richmond; Monroe County - Entire county, adding Bedford, Erie, Ida, LaSalle, Monroe, Summerville, and Whitford; Oakland County - Entire county, adding Addison;

Washtenaw County - Entire county, adding Bridgewater, Dexter, Freedom, Lima, Lyndon, Manchester, Sharon, and Sylvan; Wayne County - Entire county.

The quarantine amendment also cancels the end-date of the moratorium on the sale and movement of ash nursery stock in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. The prohibition on the sale and movement of ash nursery trees was scheduled to expire on August 5, 2004. It will now continue indefinitely until the risk of spreading EAB is eliminated.

Michigan has been working to detect, contain and eradicate EAB since its initial discovery in the summer not even two years ago. The pest causes mortality in ash trees and, to date, has impacted nearly six million ash trees in the southeastern part of the state. Michigan is home to an estimated 700 million ash trees total.

The state has an active, multi-agency Emerald Ash Borer Task Force working to control and eradicate EAB and minimize its damage.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/mda and click on "Emerald Ash Borer" in the Spotlight section or www.emerald-dashborer.info or contact your regional MDA, Michigan Department of Natural Resources or local Michigan State University Extension offices.

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Enroll as an organ donor on Buddy Day April 12

This year's Secretary of State Buddy Day will be celebrated Monday, April 12 to highlight the need for organ donors.

Buddy Day also coincides with Michigan Donate Life Month, observed in April. Gift of Life and Michigan Eye Bank volunteers, known as Buddies, will be in various branch offices from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 12 to distribute organ donor information.

The majority of "Buddies" has either received a transplant or is waiting for one, or is the family and friends of a recipient or donor. "Nearly 2,400 Michigan resi-

dents are waiting for an organ or tissue transplant, and nearly 10 will die each month because a donor was not found in time," said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land. "Buddy Day helps educate people about the need for organ donors and what they can do to make a difference. The answer is easy and within everyone's grasp - sign up on the organ donor registry."

This year about 100 branch offices will host Buddies to promote greater awareness of the need for organ, tissue and eye donation. All offices will have organ donor information on display. Last year

the Secretary launched her "Be One-in-a-Million" campaign, setting her goal to increase the number of names on the organ donor registry to at least 1,000,000.

"Everyone in Michigan has the opportunity to be 'one-in-a-million' by registering to be an organ donor," Land said. "Organ donation brings renewed hope to someone facing a life-threatening illness - it is the ultimate 'gift of life.'"

Residents who will not be at a branch office on Buddy Day still have plenty of opportunities to enroll on the organ donor registry. The Secretary of State web site

makes registering easy with its online enrollment program www.michigan.gov/sos. Additionally, enrollment cards are available at any branch office and are mailed with every driver's license and state identification card. Gift of Life Michigan is the state's only certified, full-service organ recovery organization. The agency acts as an intermediary to provide educational resources about donation for donors, recipients, physicians and hospital staff.

For more information about organ donations, contact Gift of Life Michigan at 1-800-482-4881.

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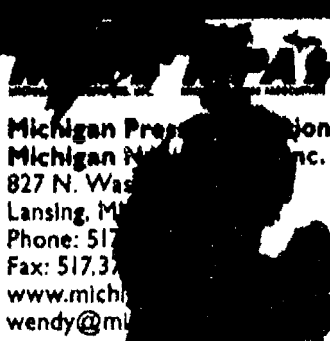
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Campaign finance reporting now on line

Michigan campaign-finance reports, which once took state workers months to manually scan, are now immediately available for public inspection with the click of a computer mouse.

State-level political action, candidate, political party and ballot question committees spending or receiving at least \$20,000 are now required to file campaign-finance reports using the Michigan Electronic Reporting and Tracking System (MERTS). Because some reports can consist of hundreds or even thousands of pages, making them available to the public was tremendously time-consuming for the Secretary of State's Bureau of Elections.

"We're using technology to improve the connection between

citizens and their government," said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land. "Internet-based reporting gives voters immediate access to contribution information that helps them to make informed decisions. It also allows for more accurate and convenient filings by committee staffs. All of Michigan is well served when campaign information is disclosed in a timely manner."

Annual reports for 2003 were due to the Bureau of Elections by February 2.

More than 280 annual reports have been filed to date. They can be viewed on the Secretary of State web site at: www.michigan.gov/sos.

The Secretary of State has distributed nearly 1,060 copies of

the MERTS software to committees free of charge since 1997. Public Act 238 of 1999 amended Michigan's Campaign Finance Act to require electronic filing beginning in 2004.

Land, a longtime advocate of increased disclosure and "real time" campaign reporting, pointed out that financial information often arrives after voters go to the polls.

"People have a right to know which interests are backing a candidate or cause before they cast their votes," said Land, who also serves as Michigan's chief election officer. "Electronic filing gives voters important information now rather than after the fact."

The MERTS program makes

searching for contribution reports much easier. The public can track contribution by such identifiers as name, amount, ZIP code, and city or state.

It also greatly aids committees by advising them of common inconsistencies or potential errors during the filing process.

Once a committee meets the \$20,000 threshold, all reports from that point forward must be filed electronically, even if that financial level is not maintained.

The MERTS system allows for filing by Internet or disk. Bureau of Elections staffers have been conducting seminars to help committee officials understand the system. Information, training and software also are available at www.mertsplus.com.

46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT

Sentencings for March 2004

Hon. Alton T. Davis

Lawrence Milford Melvin, age 46 of Grayling - Pleaded no contest to Indecent Exposure on January 23, 2004; sentenced March 8, 2004 to 90 days in jail with credit for 15 days served; ordered to pay \$50 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund and \$45 state minimum costs, \$300 Circuit Court costs, \$250 penal fine and \$350 attorney fee; placed on 12 months probation. Sentence to be served in the Washtenaw County Jail or the Crawford County Jail with no objection to work release.

Joseph Brian Armstrong, age 24 of Grayling - Pleaded guilty February 2, 2004 to Weapons - Carry Concealed - Attempt; sentenced March 8, 2004 to 180 days in jail with credit for two days served, 10 days to be served forthwith and 170 days held in abeyance; placed on 24 months

probation; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 Circuit Court costs, and \$350 attorney fee.

Anthony Walton Bentley, age 32 of Grayling - Pleaded guilty January 21, 2004 to one count of Weapons - Carry Concealed - Attempt as a Habitual Offender 2nd Conviction; sentenced March 10, 2004 on count one to 330 days in jail with credit for two days served, and an additional 330 days due to the Habitual Offender doubling of sentence; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 Circuit Court costs and \$350 attorney fee. If court assessments are paid in full while incarcerated, sentence may be reduced by 25 percent.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Christopher Ryan Barber, age

18 of Roscommon - Pleaded guilty January 26, 2004 to Criminal Sexual Conduct 3rd Degree with a Person age 13-15; sentenced March 11, 2004 to 180 days in jail with credit for 61 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 Circuit Court costs, \$350 attorney fee and \$462.50 in restitution. Restitution is ordered jointly and severally with co-defendant for the entire amount of \$925. If court assessments are paid in full during incarceration, defendant may receive a 25 percent reduction in his sentence.

Andrew Dale Smith, age 23 of Grayling - Pleaded guilty February 5, 2004 to Operating - OUI/per se 3rd Offense; sentenced March 11, 2004 to 180 days in jail with credit for two days served, placed on probation for 24 months; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 Circuit Court costs, \$500 penal fine and \$350 attorney fee. Defendant may receive day to day credit for successful completion of inpatient treatment, to include aftercare. Defendant must perform 60 days community service.

Chad Lee Crandall, age 21 of Grayling - Pleaded guilty

February 5, 2004 to Financial Transaction Device - Retain without Consent - Attempt; sentenced March 11, 2004 to 90 days in jail with credit for one day served; placed on 18 months probation; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 Circuit Court costs, \$350 attorney fee and \$618 restitution; jail time to be served 45 days forthwith, 45 days held in abeyance.

Raymond Theopolis Jacobs, age 34 of Detroit - Pleaded guilty on February 20, 2004 of Controlled Substance - Possession of Marijuana, Controlled Substance - 2nd Offense - Double Penalty; sentenced March 11, 2004 to 270 days in jail with credit for 220 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 Circuit Court costs, and \$350 attorney fee.

Timothy Scott Williams, age 19 of Frederic - Pleaded guilty February 5, 2004 to Home Invasion - 1st Degree; sentenced March 11, 2004 to 30 to 240 months in prison, with credit for 14 days served; ordered to pay \$3,697.88 in restitution, \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, and \$60 state minimum costs.

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COOR receives 'Great Parents, Great Start' grant

COOR Intermediate School District has been awarded a Great Parents, Great Start grant through the Michigan Department of Education to support the development of a comprehensive early childhood system in Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon counties.

COOR is working with existing services for families with children birth to age five to help meet the needs of the community. Many agencies in the area are collaborating to make this project a sure success.

Central to the project are some newly developed and increased support for existing playgroups. Great Start Family Days will be held in each of the four counties. READY kits (Read, Educate and Develop Youth) are available to families through COOR and many other public agencies. The message that will be heard all over the area is that "education begins at age birth."

The grant is part of the statewide Great Start project, supported by Governor Jennifer Granholm. The belief behind Great Start is that a child's success in school is largely deter-

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Anyone who would like to know more about the Great Start or the Great Parents, Great Start grant, including local family days and playgroups, check the COOR Intermediate School District web site at www.coorisd.k12.mi.us under "Early Childhood." Found there are links to other sites on early childhood development and monthly calendar of events for

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It's time for another round of MDOT projects

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Seasoned travelers in Michigan have grown to expect their journeys to include some delays and inconveniences while the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) works during the warmer months to keep roadways, bridges and railroads in good condition. In March, more than \$88 million in contracts for statewide projects were awarded.

From a long list of projects, the following projects may most affect travelers who make Crawford County their home and who may travel to particular areas in the state of Michigan.

Rehabilitation work on 12 miles of railroad tracks will resume in Crawford and Otsego Counties. Traffic flow along the route of these tracks is not expected to be impeded by the project.

Landscaping and improvements to roadsides on M-72 West in Grayling Township, from M-93 to the Grayling City limits, is expected to begin September 3 and end October 15. Traffic flow is not expected to be impeded by this project, either.

Three bridges on I-75 will undergo rehabilitation in Otsego County from Charles Brink

Road continuing north of the Lake State Railway bridge. One lane, both north and southbound, will be closed continuously while the steel bridge beams are painted, substructure piers are patched, and the concrete is resurfaced. A temporary signal light will control traffic at the intersection of Charles Brink Road and Old State Road to allow drivers to take turns using the intersection.

Work is expected to be completed by July 4.

Also in northern Michigan, a 12 mile stretch of US-131 from South Boardman Road to the Village of Boyne Falls in Charlevoix County will undergo crack sealing treatment.

To the south, in Saginaw County, major concrete resurfacing and other improvements on seven miles of I-75, from M-57 to Birch Run Creek is scheduled.

Other roadwork is scheduled throughout the state in 2004. MDOT asks motorists to use extra caution when traveling through a work zone and to obey lowered speed limits to help keep road workers safe from injury or even death. Traffic fines double in work zones and harsh penalties are in store for drivers found guilty of injuring or killing road construction workers.

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DNR taxes in default

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 County Commission on Aging (COA) \$2,517.25; the Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA - Hanson Hills) \$2,603.65; and the Crawford County Library system is shorted \$1,852.80 from its already strained budget.

At the township level, Lovells Township is realizing the largest shortfall at \$7,068.69 in unpaid PILT monies. Frederic Township is shorted \$3,354.21; South Branch Township \$2,192.88; Grayling Township \$758.92; Maple Forest Township \$242.63; and Beaver Creek Township \$60.69.

The biggest loser of all is Crawford County, which must work to maintain the current level of services to county taxpayers on \$32,737.95 less revenue until the tax bill is paid by the DNR.

Wakeley said the County

Treasurers Association is working with the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) and the Michigan Township Association (MTA) to impress upon state legislators the importance of PILT payments and how nonpayment is affecting hundreds of units of government statewide.

According to a report prepared by MAC on March 26, "the DNR budget passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee this week and contained no funding for PILT, which mirrors the Governor's proposal to remove PILT from the DNR budget."

The MAC report continued, "However, also as part of the proposal, was to fund PILT in the General Government Budget, by using Revenue Sharing dollars;" revenue sharing has already been reduced.

Wakeley does not foresee the state making sure the customary amount of revenue from state-held lands will be restored. PILT was not included in the General Government Budget, either.

State Sen. Tony Stamas (R-36th District) said he has heard from many county officials throughout his district regarding the default in PILT payments. He said the Senate is working on a short term solution of appropriating funds to the DNR budget to pay the overdue taxes. "We need to get this done as soon as possible," he said. "I'm going to keep pushing at it because the state and the DNR need to uphold their commitment."

Stamas expects action on the appropriations bill within three or four weeks.

"I don't know when they will

do it, but they darned well better," said Wakeley.

In the long term, Stamas confirmed the legislature is working on a plan to include PILT payments as part of revenue sharing dollars.

Legislators are also discussing a shift in county property tax levies to July, in exchange for revenue sharing. Wakeley said if this "shift" is approved, the county will again be short-changed by the state as it defers its payments to seven months later than when counties would customarily receive the funds.

"This may seem like a good way to balance the budget in Lansing, but it really is only the governor and the legislature putting off paying its bills," said Wakeley. "If that shift is approved, it will create chaos on budgets in all 83 of Michigan's counties."

What you need to know if considering a run for office

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secretary of the Board of Review. If the supervisor is not certified at the proper level, the township board may appoint properly certified assessors; however, they will be subordinate to the supervisor.

Township Clerks have custody of all the records, books, and papers of the township and prepare and maintain the journals and ledgers necessary to reflect the assets, liabilities, fund equities, revenues, and expenditures for each fund of the township. This includes transcribing the minutes of the township meetings. The clerk is also the chief election officer of the township.

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Township Trustees are expected to actively participate in discussion and consideration of issues that come before the township board. Each is entitled to a vote when decisions are being made and their presence counts toward creating a quorum at township meetings. Trustees receive per diem payments for meeting attendance, but no salary.

Township Constables may serve warrants, notices, and process lawfully directed to them by the township board, or other township officer, and shall perform other duties as required of them by law. Constables have

the same right to pursue, arrest, and detain individuals under certain circumstances as does a sheriff's officer. Currently, only Grayling Township elects a Constable, whose main duty is to perform liquor license inspections for a fee of \$15 each.

Some townships set their elected officials' salaries upon the recommendation of a Salary Advisory Board. Currently, Frederic Township, Grayling Township, and Lovells Township have such boards that meet during odd numbered years to review salaries and recommend changes. It is up to the township board to either accept their recommendations or take no action, leaving the salaries as is.

Frederic Township did not utilize its salary advisory board in 2003 due to budget restrictions. It has been over two years since Frederic elected officials have received a salary increase.

In Grayling Township, the largest township in Crawford County, the Salary Advisory Board recommended on March 4, 2003 that salaries of newly elected officials be set substantially lower than salaries received by current office holders. In 2003, the township supervisor earned \$40,000 as a Level II assessor; the clerk earned \$35,380 and the treasurer earned \$19,950.

Those Grayling Township "newly elected" officials will receive salaries as follows: supervisor - \$29,680, or \$32,680 at Level I assessor, or \$35,680 as a Level II assessor; clerk - \$29,680; and treasurer - \$14,840.

Grayling Township Salary Advisory Board chairman Paul Lerg explained the lower salaries

were determined to be acceptable for newly elected officials upon consideration of the many years served by Supervisor Terry Wright, Clerk Monica Ashton, and Treasurer Ruth O'Mara.

"We felt because of the experience factor, we would recognize it," Lerg said. "In this particular case, there is a range of experience."

Wright said his salary started at \$24,000 in 1996, but since has gone through two levels of assessor certification. Also, he and the other elected officials have received, on average, a three percent pay raise each year.

Lerg agreed there is no way to determine the experience of those running for office and that was not a factor in setting the salaries for "newly elected" officials. If re-elected, Wright, Ashton and O'Mara will continue at their current salaries.

Grayling Township Trustees receive a per diem payment of \$85 per township meeting attended. Benefits include PPO health insurance and a co-pay pension plan. Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Township Hall. Township hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In all other townships, newly elected officials will receive the same salary or per diem that current officials receive.

In Beaver Creek Township, annual salaries are: supervisor - \$20,421, if assessing - \$20,422; clerk - \$21,871; treasurer - \$20,421; trustees - \$2,274. Benefits: basic health insurance. Board meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Beaver Creek

Township Hall. Township hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In Frederic Township, annual salaries are the same for supervisor, clerk and treasurer - \$10,418. Trustees receive a per diem of \$77.25. Benefits: minor retirement program and option to participate in an AFLAC plan. Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Frederic Township Hall. Township hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In Lovells Township, the supervisor receives an annual salary of \$11,785 and the clerk and treasurer receive \$11,285 each. Trustees receive a per diem of \$75. Benefits: basic health insurance, pension plan. The Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lovells Township Hall. Township hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

In Maple Forest Township, the supervisor receives an annual salary of \$5,700, the clerk \$9,240 (divided into office hours and duties), and the treasurer \$6,240. Trustees receive a per diem of \$85. Benefits: none. The Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Maple Forest Township Hall. The clerk holds at least eight hours of office hours each week, and the hours of the treasurer and supervisor are flexible, all to meet the needs of the township and its residents.

Finally, in South Branch Township, the supervisor receives \$10,518 in annual salary, while the clerk and the treasurer receive \$19,570 each. Trustees receive a per diem of \$108. Benefits: basic life and health insurance and pension plan. The Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the South Branch Township Hall. Township hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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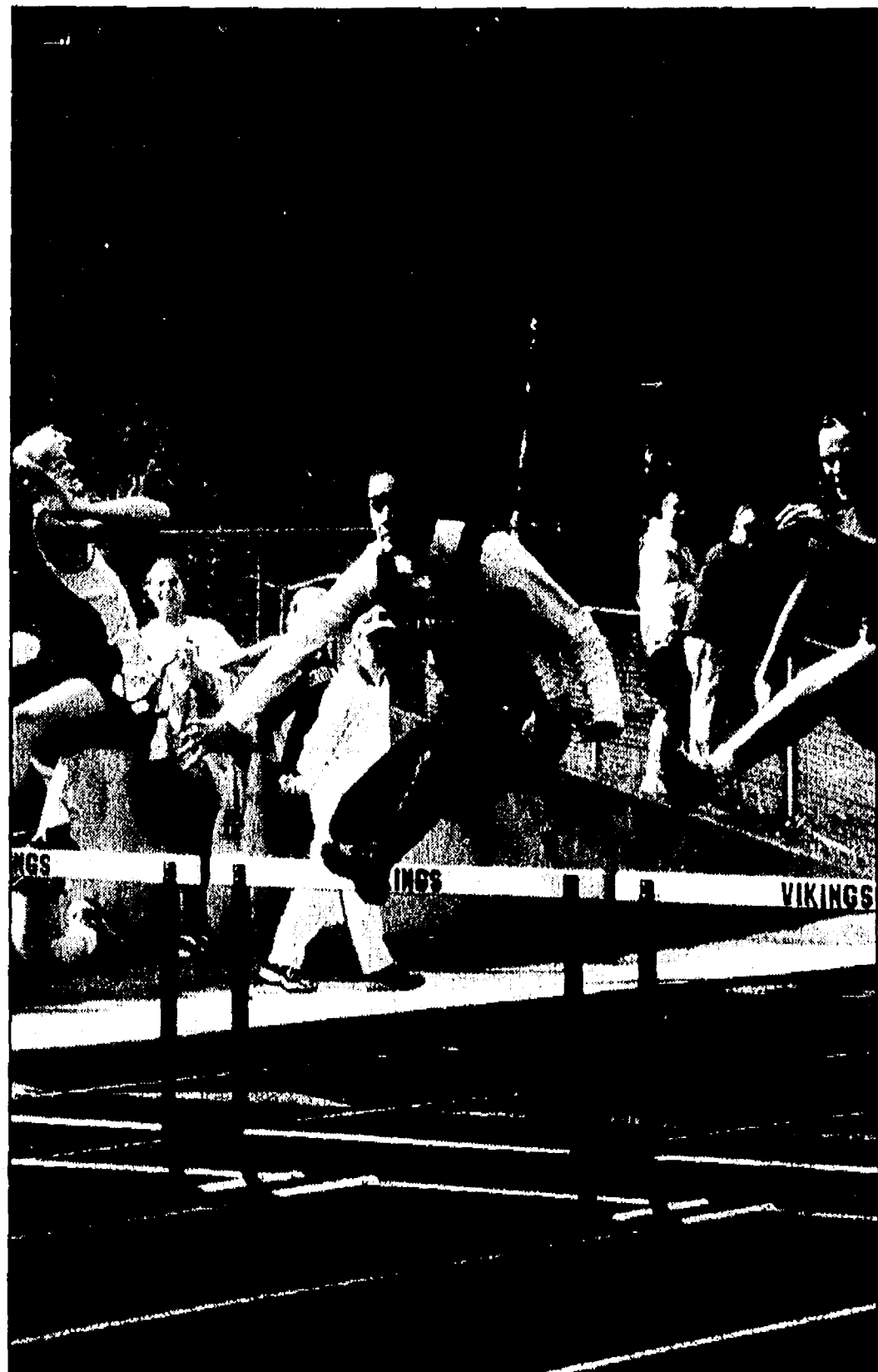
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► First Meet – Boys & Girls Track: April 15 (H) 4:30 p.m.

► First Game – Varsity Girls Soccer: April 13 (H) 5:00 p.m.

Spring sports seasons to start soon



Track (Hurdles)

First games of 2004 spring schedule set for Tuesday, April 13

Most spring sports teams at Grayling High School have been practicing for about three weeks, preparing for the start of their 2004 seasons. Games and meets are scheduled to start the week students return to school following spring break, which runs from April 2 to April 12.

"We're coming off two very successful seasons, fall and winter. We're hoping to continue that in spring sports," GHS Athletic Director Brian Banda said.

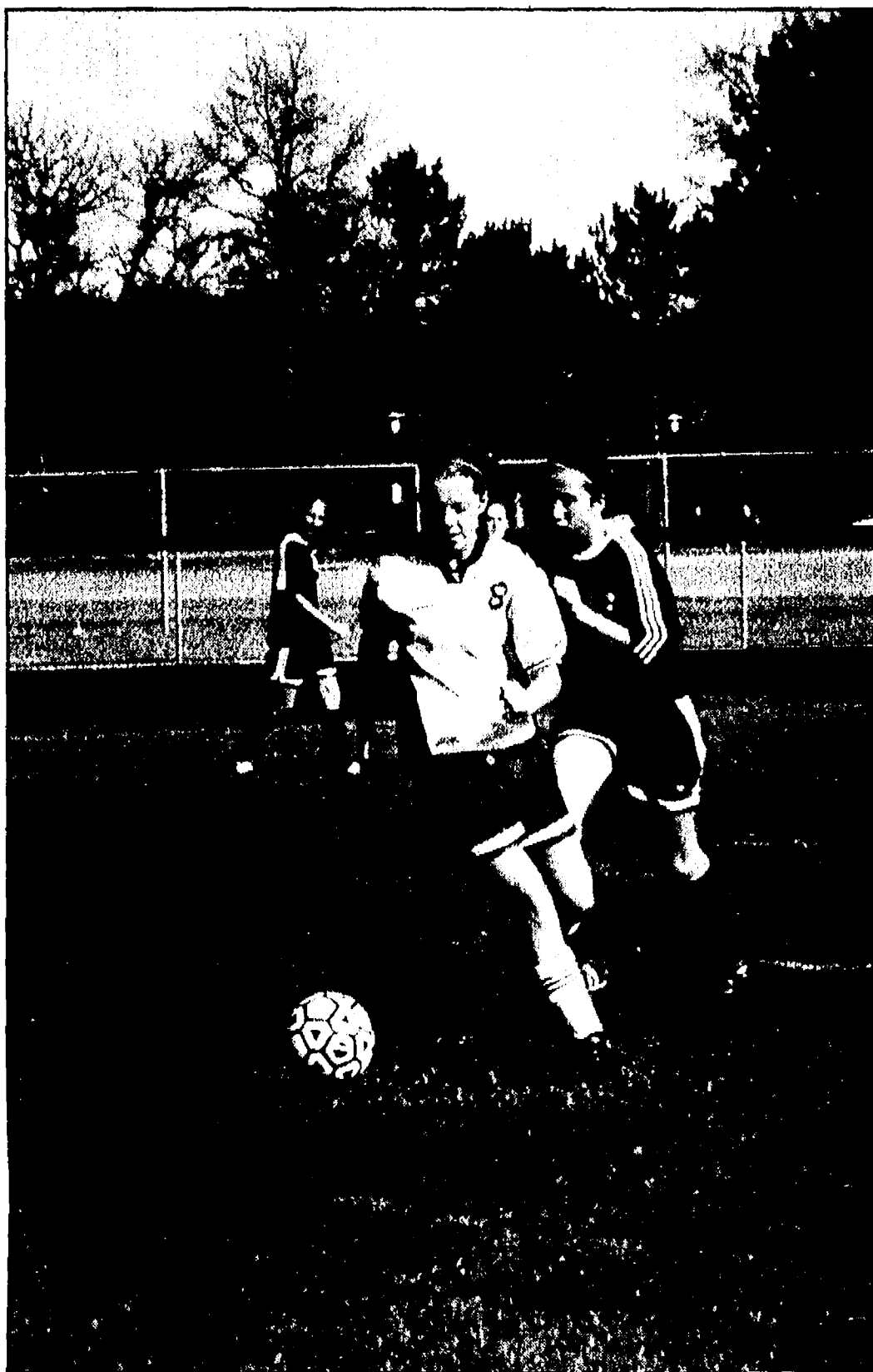
Opening day for varsity baseball and softball is set for Tuesday, April 13. The teams will host Gaylord at 4:30 p.m. (if the fields are ready). On Thursday, April 15, the Vikings are scheduled to play at Roscommon at 4 p.m.

The junior varsity baseball and softball teams play at Gaylord on Tuesday, April 13, at 4:30 p.m. The JV Vikings are scheduled to play their home openers on Thursday, April 15, at 4 p.m. vs. Roscommon.

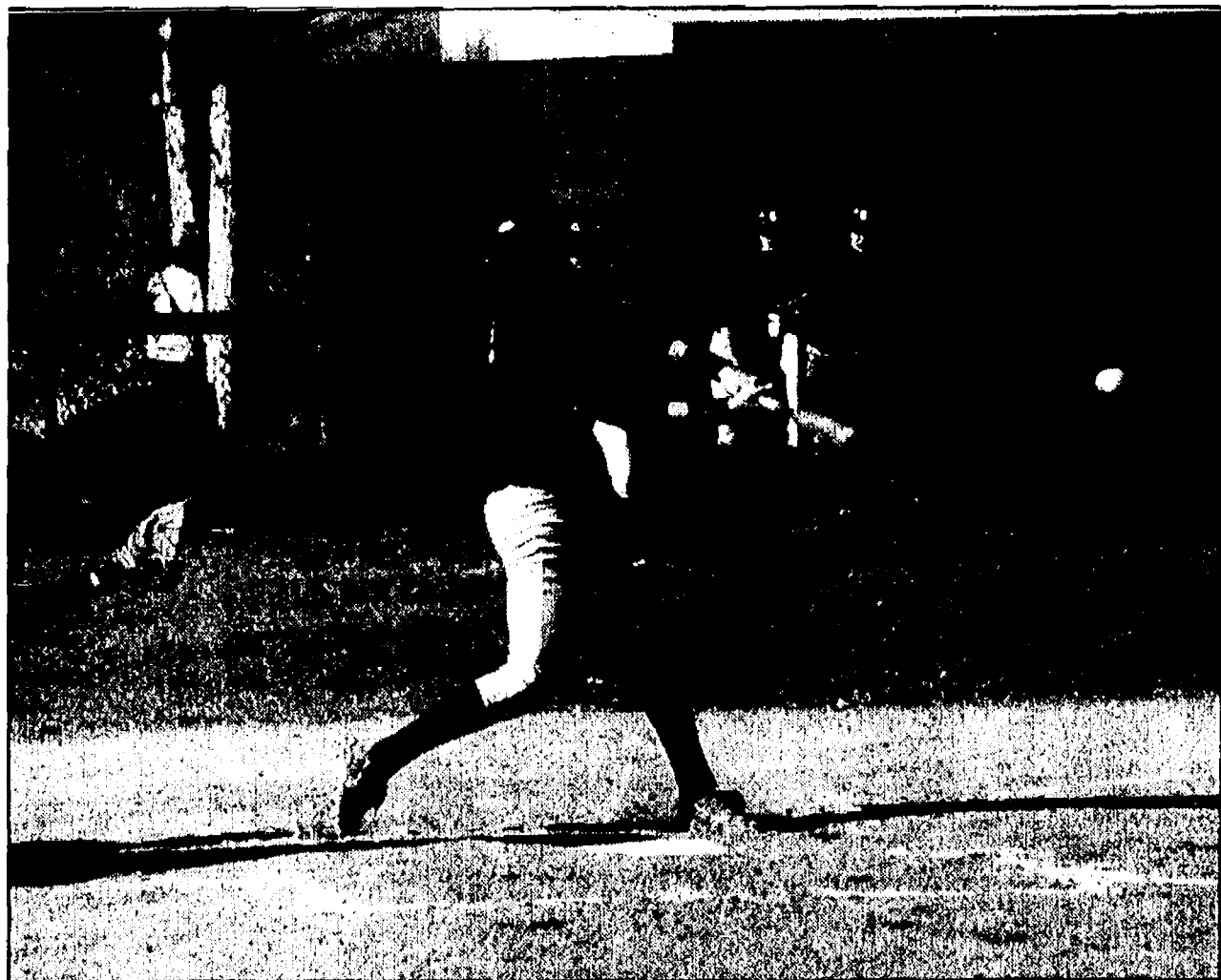
Bob Gorski is back as the coach of the varsity baseball team this year. The JV baseball coach is John Schneider, who served as a varsity assistant last year.

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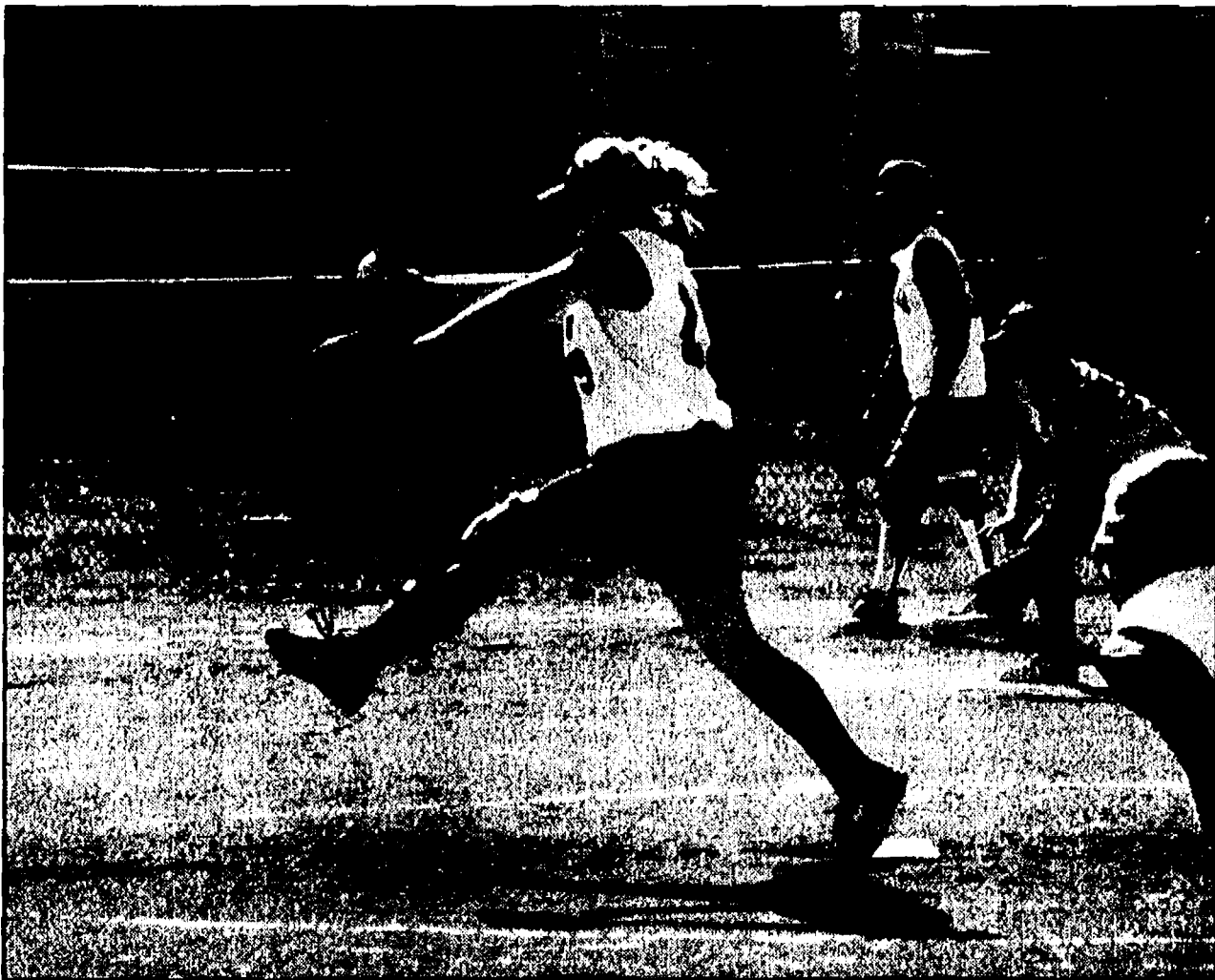
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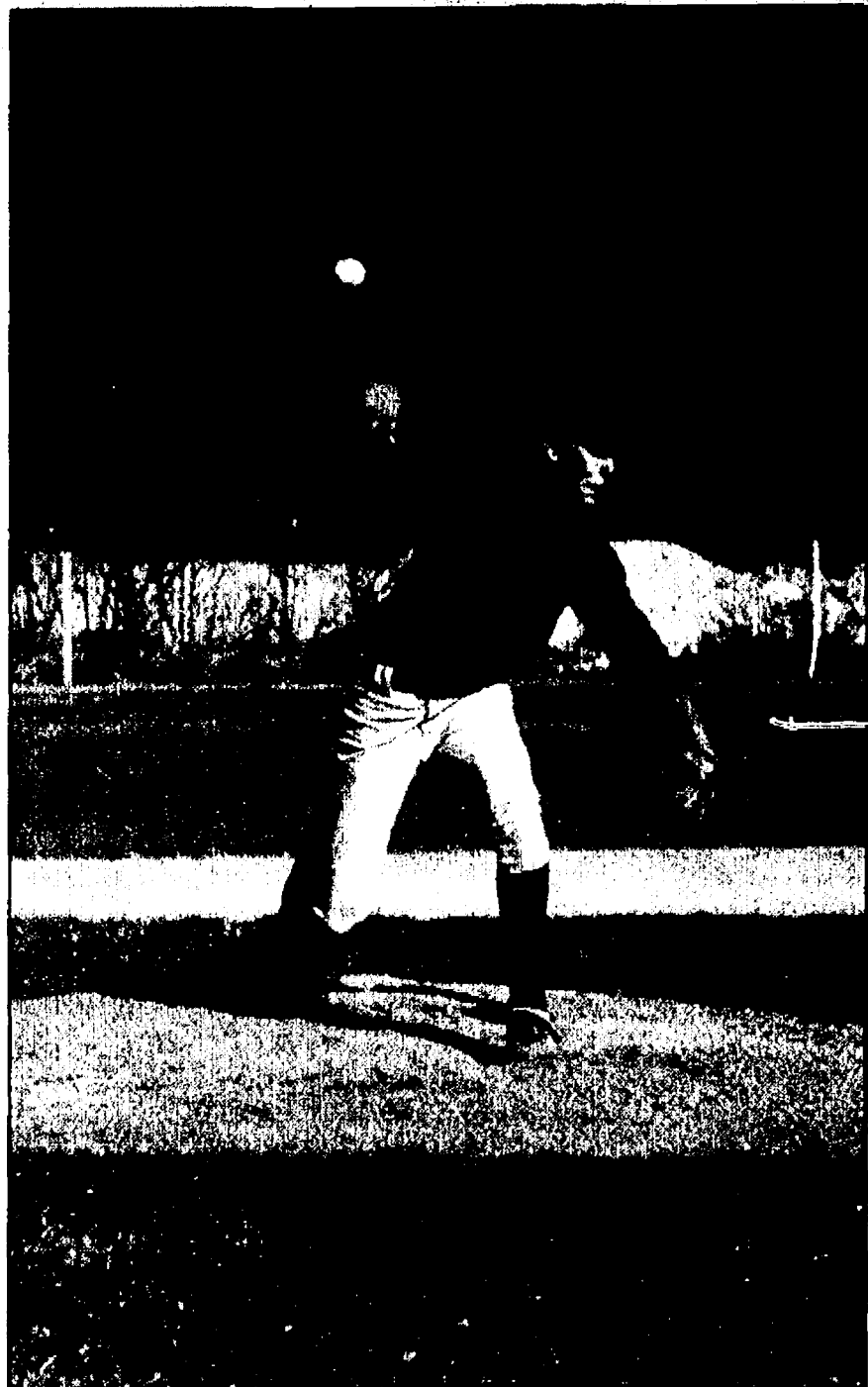
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Softball



Baseball

Spring sports seasons to start soon

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The varsity softball coach this year is Caleb Casey (a Crawford County Avalanche Staff Writer). Tanya Wolcott and Arica D'Amour are both serving as varsity assistants. The JV team is being coached by Loren Bass on an interim basis. Bass coached the JV softball squad last year.

The GHS boys and girls track teams will open their 2004 season with a home meet vs. Boyne City, Charlevoix, and Elk Rapids on Thursday, April 15, at 4:30 p.m.

Ben Brock, the new head football coach at GHS, is the coach of the boys track team this year. Heidi (West) Thibideau is back for another season coaching the girls track team. Assistant GHS track coaches are Matt Warren and Renea Martin, the middle school track coaches, and Justin Andre.

Coach John Haven is back for a second season of girls soccer. The team's first scheduled game of the 2004 season is set for Tuesday, April 13, at 5 p.m. at GHS.

The boys tennis team will

again be coached by Joe Mau. The first tennis meet is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, at Charlevoix. The team's home

opener is set for Wednesday, April 21, at 4:30 p.m. Rebecca Brown is the new girls golf team coach. The golf

team's first meet of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, at 4 p.m. at Grayling Country Club.




Track (Relay)

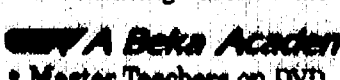


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GHS boys track team athletes train on their snow-covered track at practice last week.

Track athletes get ready for new season

Numbers are decent for the boys team and GMS program

Grayling High School's track team has about 60 members and is in the process of conditioning for the 2004 season.

The boys team has about 40 athletes and the girls team about 20. Ben Brock, the new GHS football coach, is coaching the boys team and Heidi (West) Thibideau is back as the coach of the girls team.

The middle school's track program, coached by Matt Warren and Renea Martin, has about 75 participants. Warren, Martin, and Justin Andre are serving as varsity assistants.

"One of the cool things this year is we have a lot of dual sport

athletes," Coach Brock said. "We have five kids running track and playing baseball."

(The five are Gibson Tobin, Josh Hinkle, Greg Morrill, Travis Helsel, and Zac Baker.)

"All the football kids who aren't playing a spring sport are doing the track work-outs in preparation for football," Brock added. "That's a testament to their work ethic."

"The strength of our team is going to be hurdles, mid-distance, relays, and our sheer numbers. Our sheer numbers will help us big time," Coach Brock said. "We will be weak at sprint events and whether or not we can have all of our runners there on the same day, depending on conflicts."

Coach Brock said his athletes have been doing some of their running in the snow to prepare

for the 2004 season. "We're fighting through this weather by training in the snow like Rocky did in Rocky IV, training in the snow in Russia. That's been our motivation."

A few of the boys team's main roleplayers will include: (sprinters) Tyler Cragg, Ryan Schmidt, Josh Hinkle, Dusty Parens, Nick Tompkins, Zac Baker, Nick Parkinson; (mid-distance) Shawn Gabriel, Brent Gabriel, Jeff Baneroff, Joe Baneroff, Ryan Feldhauser; (long distance) Reagan Schmidt, Moses Peters; (shot, discus) Greg Morrill, Tim Umlor, Travis Brush; (hurdles) Josh Hinkle, Ryan Schmidt; (high jump) Travis Helsel; (long jump) Ryan Schmidt.

The boys and girls track teams open their 2004 season with a meet at GHS on Thursday, April 15, at 4:30 p.m.



Girls track athletes run through the snow at practice last Friday.

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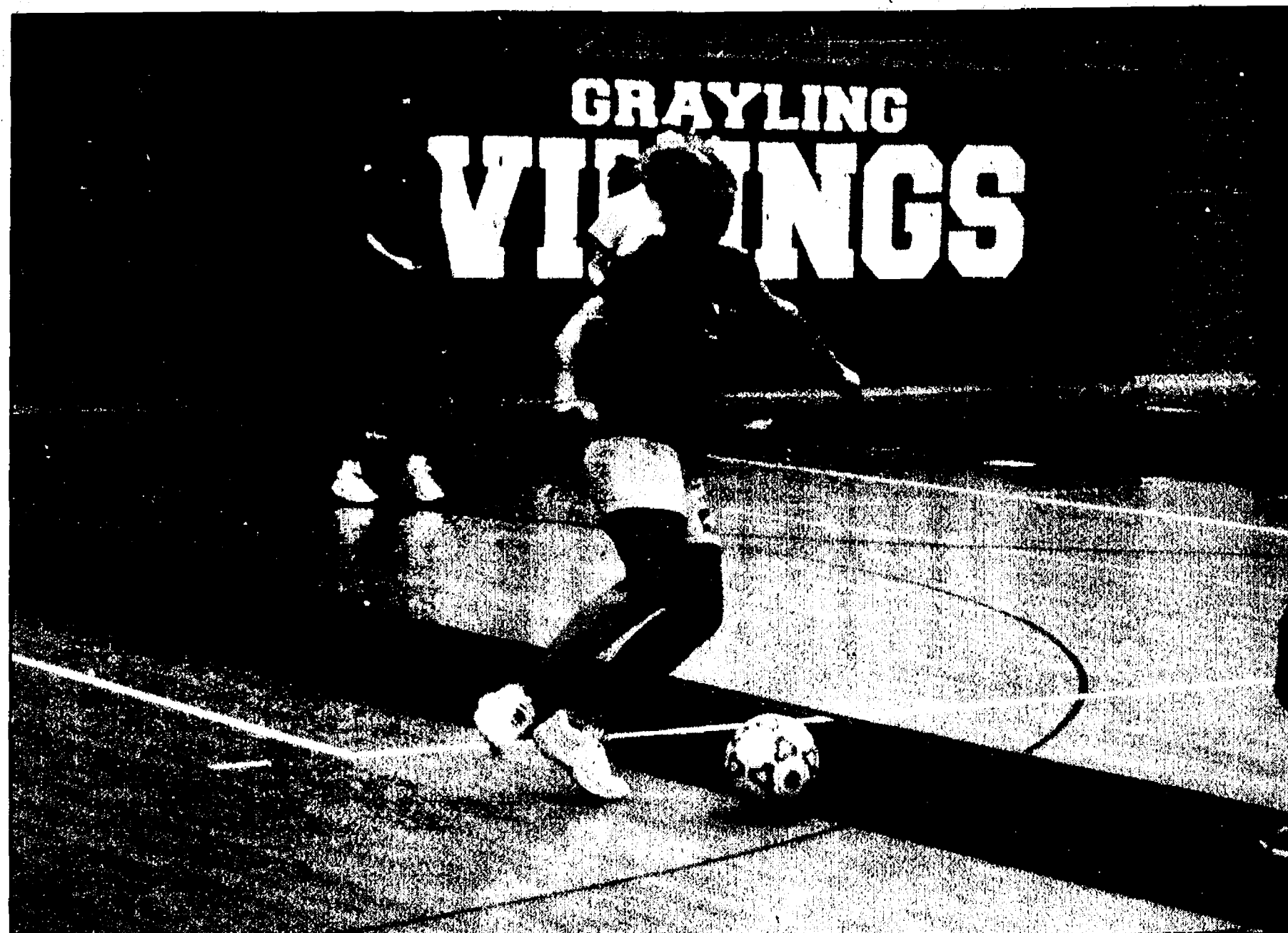
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Casey Mahaffy controls the ball during a varsity girls soccer practice last Thursday.

Girls soccer team prepares for 2004 season

Vikings to field a young team; Coach Haven back for 2nd year

The GHS girls soccer team will field a young squad this year. The team, which has been practicing for about three weeks, has two seniors, five juniors, nine sophomores, and two freshmen.

"We have another young team. We're pretty thick through the middle grades," Coach John Haven said. "We have a fair amount of experience."

Of the team's 18 players, eight have never played organized soccer before. "But there is some talent there," Coach Haven said.

The team's only two seniors are Ashley Hawley and Megan Fekete. Hawley, who is also running track this spring, will play goalkeeper for the Vikings.

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 See "GIRLS SOCCER..."



Michelle McGuire passes off to a teammate at a practice last week.

MEN'S 30+ BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Tournament Results
 Holiday Inn 61 - Mertes 10, Pummell 10, Dean 8, Madill 7, Smith 6, Wagner 6, Deleo 6,

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 Mercy Family Practice 54 - Schultz 19, Thorton 14, Jansen 14, Gullick 5, Jaskowski 2.

Spikes 65 - Thompson 21, Doremire 12, Burrell 11, Potter 9, J. Gardiner 8, T. Gardiner 2, West 2.
 HLM 56 - Trenary 13, Dandy 12, Grant 12, Kirro 10, Ruddy 6, Tobin 3.

Scott McNamara Ford 71 - Church 33, Patterson 14, Ewalt 10, Schmitz 10, Wycoff 2, Royce 2.

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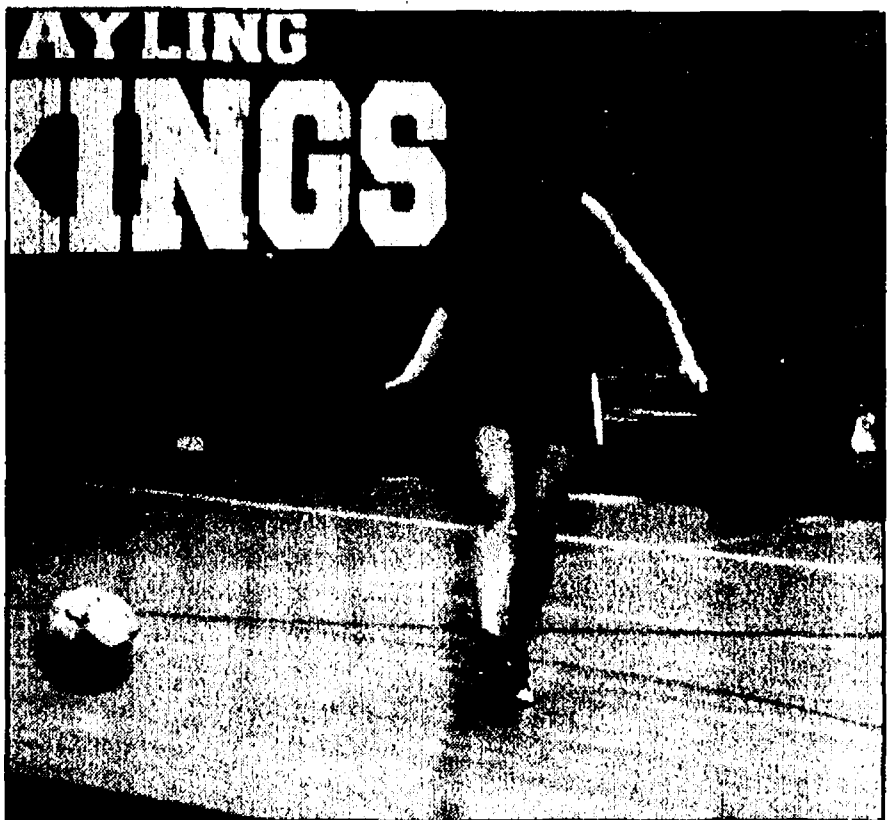
Girls soccer team prepares for 2004 season

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Haven is back coaching the team for a second season. (He also coached the GHS boys soccer team in the fall 2003 season.)

"With a year under my belt I feel more comfortable with what I'm doing," Haven said. "I'm feeling good about this year."

The team's first scheduled contest is a home game vs. Harbor Springs on Tuesday, April 13, at 5 p.m. The Vikings play at Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday, April 15, and travel to Roscommon on Friday, April 16.



Jill Seager passes the ball at soccer practice last week.



Jessica Pfaff and Michelle McGuire battle for the ball on Thursday.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation

Woody Girls 37 - 15
Chicken Little 30.5 - 21.5
Peterson Service 26 - 26
Gale Enterprises 24 - 28
Coldwell Banker 24 - 28
Mickey Perez CPA 22.5 - 29.5
Hawk Ridge Golf 22 - 30
Glen's Market 22 - 30
High Series: P. D'Amour, 549; V. Balmes, 508; K. Moshier, 498.
High Game: P. D'Amour, 202; V. Balmes, 198; S. Johnson, 193.

Senior Bowling

Spikes Keg O'Neil 72 - 44
Flowers By Josie 72 - 44
Kicking Grass 64.5 - 51.5
Gray Rock 63 - 53
Grayling Pharmacy 56 - 60
Sylvesters Sports 53.5 - 62.5
Lone Pine Restaurant 44 - 72

Bear's Den Pizza 39 - 77
Men's High Series: D. Canfield, 576; B. Hollis, 550; D. Germain, 540. Men's High Game: B. Hollis, 236; D. Canfield, 204; D. Germain, 201. Women's High Series: N. Glasslee, 495; M. Rysso, 492; R. Joyce, 468. Women's High Game: M. Rysso, 195; N. Glasslee, 171; R. Joyce, 169.

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Little Tyke Daycare 71 - 34
Dairy Queen 56 - 49
Fritch Electric 54 - 51
River Valley Grille 51 - 54
Denneo 50.5 - 54.5
Beckett Construction 49 - 56
Weyerhaeuser 46 - 59
Calkins Excavating 42.5 - 62.5
Mens High Series: J. Fritch, 571;

S. Miller, 557; J. Hunt, 557; J. Meharg, 533. Mens High Game: J. Hunt, 217; S. Miller, 203; D. Wallace, 194. Womens High Series: D. Harris, 486; N. Glasslee, 483; T. Baker, 457. Womens High Game: T. Baker, 194; T. Rock, 184; D. Harris, 178; N. Glasslee, 178.

National First

Sawmill 46 - 38
AuSable Construction 45 - 39
Hart Pontiac- GMC 44 - 40
Northern Tail Ranch 44 - 40
Legion Lanes 43 - 41
Corky's Karaoke 41.5 - 42.5
Faustman's Insurance 38.5 - 45.5
Denholm Chiro. 34 - 50
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- N'ern Iowa (21-10) Grayling Family Practice
- Michigan State (18-12) Charlie's Country Corner
- Nevada (25-9) Bradley's Furniture
- Gonzaga (28-3) Charles Scheer-Re/max of Grayling
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- North Carolina Tom Stover's Re/Max of Grayling
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- Stanford Grayling Restaurant
- Alabama Comfort Center
- Syracuse Grayling Country Club
- Maryland (20-12) Hart Pontiac GMC Buick
- Vanderbilt Scheer Motors
- Connecticut Northern Tails

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1st Rnd.

March 18 or 19

- Duke (31-5) Ole Dam Party Store
- Alabama State (16-15) Heads Up North
- Seton Hall (21-10) Wild Card
- Arizona (20-10) Dianas Car Wash
- Illinois (26-7) Randy Thompson Century 21
- Murray State (28-6) Sylvesters/Wimpys
- Cincinnati (25-7) McLeans Ace Hardware
- East Tenn. St. (27-6) Wild Card
- North Carolina (19-11) Wild Card
- Air Force (22-7) JJ's Motor Mall
- Texas (25-8) Davis Jeweler
- Princeton (20-8) Wild Card
- Xavier (26-11) DeShano Construction Co.
- Louisville (20-10) Tom Stover's Re/max of Grayling
- Mississippi St. (26-4) Jansen Insurance
- Monmouth (21-12) Showtime Collision
- Stanford (20-2) Grayling Restaurant
- Tex-San Ant. (19-14) Wild Card
- Alabama (20-13) Comfort Center
- Southern Illinois (25-5) Wild Card
- Syracuse (23-8) Grayling Country Club
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Hatch activity generally begins in early March with the onset of spring and the emerging Blackstones. Hendricksons are usually hatching by the opening day of trout season, which is the last Saturday in April (April 24 in 2004).

Afternoon hatches, with little

pressure from other river users, makes early to mid-May a popular time for many fly fishers. Other early season hatches include the Little Mahogany, Little Black Caddis, and Blue Winged Olives.

By mid-May, most hatches and spinner falls occur in late afternoon. The Sulfur hatch begins in late May and lasts about two weeks. The first week of June is a popular time on area streams as the Brown Drake hatch occurs.

Hatches continue through May and June, generally culminating with the "Hex" hatch, which is the big Michigan Mayfly, the Hexagenia Limbata. This hatch brings the fly fishers in large numbers as it is the time when trophy fish regularly surface-feed.

It is important to mention that most of the anglers who are successful in catching the larger trout fish for them during the late evening and on into the night. Fishermen are often found on the streams all night waiting for the spinner falls, which generally come between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m., and for the hatches, which occur after 10 p.m. and last sometimes until the wee hours of the morning.

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Case No. 04-6295-CH
Ronald McClain
David R. Sabia P19822
Attorney for Plaintiff
115 Michigan Avenue,
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-5588
v
Lewis Sykes
16159 Sorrento
Detroit, MI 48236
TO: Lewis Sykes

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to quiet title to the following real estate. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before April 29, 2004. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

The property which is the subject of the instant litigation is described as follows:

Land South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: PARCEL 1: Part of the South 1/2 Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan. Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 28; thence North 89 degrees 18' West, (along the East and West 1/4 line), 1646 feet to the P.O.B.; thence continuing North 89 degrees 18' West, 329.20 feet; thence North 0 degrees 04'07" East, 1329.24 feet to the North 1/8 line; thence South 89 degrees 21'20" East (along the North 1/8 line), 328.92 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03'26" West, 1329.56 feet to the P.O.B. Also subject in and use of a 66 foot road

and utility easement as recorded in Liber 170, Pages 120 and 121, Crawford County Records.
Date: March 3, 2004
Honorable Judge Alton T. Davis

P24472

-18-25-1

Crawford County Housing and Rehabilitation Commission Notice of Board Position

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is presently accepting applications for a position on the County Housing and Rehabilitation Commission. Applicants requested to have a genuine interest in the housing stock for Crawford County and participate in the many decisions which take place at monthly meetings. The county prefers some banking knowledge. Applications may be obtained and submitted to Sandra Moore, Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds, no later than Friday, April 9, 2004 at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

Notice Of Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jenny J. Lanvers, a single woman, of 11336 Pebble Drive, Roscommon, Michigan 48653-7636 to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GAYLORD, of 501 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 310, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated May 13, 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on May 29, 2003, in Liber 636 Pages 407 through 417, Crawford County Records, and which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$37,994.39.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 14th day of April, 2004 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as follows:

Lot 10, WILLIAMS WILDERNESS, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 32, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

February 27, 2004
BODMAN, LONGLEY & DAHLING LLP

Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)
Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord
229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405
Cheboygan, MI 49721
(231) 627-4351

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elizabeth A. Leasure and Craig Leasure, husband and wife, to Residential Mortgage Corporation (IMC), a Florida Corporation, mortgagee, dated September 25, 1998 and recorded October 15, 1998 in Liber 465, Page 451, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation - Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-BC1 by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$44,996.00) including interest at the rate of 11.39% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 7, 2004.

The premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot No. 8 and South half (1/2) of Lot No. 9 Jonawssen Subdivision, Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: March 4, 2004
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities

Corporation - Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-BC1, As Assignee

P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 231.3509
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard Schreiber and Yvonne M. Schreiber, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 4, 1995, and recorded on May 10, 1995 in Liber 393 on Page 518, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Fifty And 88/100 Dollars (\$54,050.88), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 14, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being a part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 5, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan; Commencing at the North 1/4 quarter of Section 5, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, thence South 0 degrees 54 minutes West along the North-South 1/4 line 716.90 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes West 533.0 feet for a point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees 56 minutes West 250 feet; thence South 0 degrees 54 minutes West 325.79 feet, thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes East 250 feet, thence North 0 degrees 54 minutes East 325.06 feet to the point of beginning. Together with a 35 foot easement along the northerly side thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 11, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC C 248.593.1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Citizens Commercial and Savings Bank, successor by merger and/or name change to Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #016764F01

Notice Of Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gerald J. Maher and Linda M. Maher, husband and wife, of 47322 Atwater, Chesterfield, Michigan 48047 to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GAYLORD, of 501 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 310, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated August 6, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on August 23, 2001 in Liber 0550 Pages 291 through 299, Crawford County Records, and which, here is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$91,063.13

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 12th day of May, 2004 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of

Michigan, described as follows:

That part of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, LYING NORTH of the East Branch of the AuSable River. SUBJECT TO an easement for road purposes 20 feet wide granted across the North end of said premises.

AND
All that part of the E 1/2 of the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 28, T27N, R3W, Lying North of the Middle line of the East Branch of the AuSable River, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

March 16, 2004
BODMAN, LONGLEY & DAHLING LLP

Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)
Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord
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Cheboygan, MI 49721
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jerry E. Horton, a married person and Audra R. Horton, a married person, original mortgagor(s), to Cendant Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 18, 2000, and recorded on August 10, 2000 in Liber 514 on Page 406, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Five And 71/100 Dollars (\$11,455.71), including interest at 8.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 14, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel B: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan; Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 0 degrees, 40 minutes West (along the section line), 333.85 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 0 degrees, 40 minutes West, 266.15 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds West, 550 feet; thence South 0 degrees, 40 minutes, West, 119.28 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds West, 767.58 feet; thence North 0 degrees, 38 minutes, 10 seconds East, 385.43 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 1317.77 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel C: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan; Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 0 degrees, 40 minutes, West (along the section line), 600 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 0 degrees, 40 minutes, West 403.06 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds West, 1317.42 feet; thence North 0 degrees, 38 minutes, 10 seconds East, 283.78 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 767.58 feet; thence North 0 degrees, 40 minutes, East 119.28 feet;

thence North 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel E: Part of the Southeast 1/4 - Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan; Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds West (along the East and West 1/4 line), 329.31 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds West 329.31 feet; thence North 0 degrees, 40 minutes, East, 332 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 50 minutes East, 332 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 329.31 feet; thence South 0 degrees, 40 minutes, West 332 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel F: Part of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan; Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds West (along the East and West 1/4 line) 658.62 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds West, 329.31 feet; thence North 0 degrees, 40 minutes, East, 332 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 329.31 feet; thence South 0 degrees, 40 minutes, West, 332 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel G: Part of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan; the point of beginning at the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence North 0 degrees, 38 minutes, 10 seconds East, (along the 1/8 line) 332 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 329.49 feet; thence South 0 degrees, 40 minutes, West 332 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds West, 329.31 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 11, 2004
For more information, please call: FC F 248.593.1313

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Cendant Mortgage Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #016554F01

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bradley Raymond and Amy Raymond, for the purpose of subordinating all rights and interest including dower/homestead rights, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to American Home Loans, Mortgagee, dated December 14, 2001, and recorded on December 28, 2001 in Liber 565 on Page 77, in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Flagstar Bank, FSB, as assignee by an Assignment dated October 15, 2003, which was recorded on March 2, 2004, in Liber 666 on Page 618 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Three and 16/100 (\$95,193.16), including interest at 8.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front

door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 21, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 18, Pinehurst Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 2, 3 and 4, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 18, 2004
For more information, please call:
Team W (248) 593-1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200327688
Team W

Notice Of Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Raymond Pyle, a married man, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), dated June 10, 1999 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and the State of Michigan on July 7, 1999 in Liber 485, Page(s) 327, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, and interest, the sum of \$87,902.87, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative:

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that on April 28, 2004 at 10 a.m. on the steps of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with interest at 7.50 percent per annum, legal costs, attorney fees, and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

PARCEL 3: Being a part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 20, T25N R3W, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan Described as: Commencing at the N 1/4 corner of said Section 20; thence S1° 42'W along the N&S 1/4 line, 590.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence S 1° 42' W 300 feet; thence N 89° 30' 35" W, 375.08 feet; thence Northwesterly, 326.34 feet along the arc of a 0° 30'24" curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 11,309.16 feet and a long chord bearing of N 22° 42' 42" W, 326.33 feet; thence S 89° 30' 35" E, 510.02 feet to the point of beginning

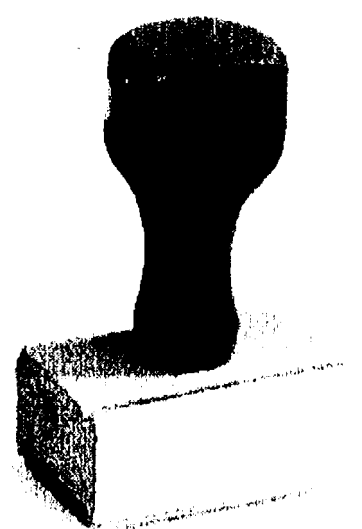
The redemption period shall be one (1)

year from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Green Tree Servicing LLC
(f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation)
Donald A Brandt (P30183)
Attorneys for Mortgagee
1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817
Traverse City, MI 49696-5817
(231) 941-9660
Dated: March 9, 2004

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NOTICE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

As required by the provisions of the OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT PA 267, the Lovells Township Board hereby lists and posts the dates, items, and places of all of its regular meetings during the 2004-2005 fiscal year as follows:

All regular board meetings will be held at the Lovells Township Hall.

All regular board meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

April 13, 2004	October 12, 2004
May 11, 2004	November 9, 2004
June 8, 2004	December 14, 2004
July 13, 2004	January 11, 2005
August 10, 2004	February 8, 2005
September 14, 2004	March 8, 2005

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD and ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will meet on Monday, April 5, 2004 and Monday, October 4, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.

BOARD OF REVIEW will be meeting on Tuesday, July 19th and Tuesday, December 13th 2004. In 2005 the board will meet for an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 8th at 4:00 p.m., with taxpayers Monday, March 14th from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 17th from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.

All changes and special meetings will be posted eighteen (18) hours in advance.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAY/PROPOSED ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 13, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. for the non-motorized pathway/proposed ordinance for protection of the pathway trail from town to the high school.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
April 2, 1981

Grayling appears the odds-on favorite in the running for construction of a new industrial facility that could commence operations by as early as this fall. A company representative said their proposal called for construction of a custom dry kilning and rough planing mill. They have asked for their company name to be withheld until further talks with city and county officials.

The resurfacing of the I-75 business loop through Grayling will not be as disruptive as most people think. The message conveyed to a gathering of about 40 local businessmen said that no plans for detouring have been made and two lanes will always be open for through traffic. Shoulder-widening will take place in some spots along the business loop, along with the curbing work at the main intersection downtown. Cost of the project is \$217,000.

The County will pick up four full-time and two part-time public service employees at the sheriff's department whose CETA funding ended March 31. Cost to fund the employees for the remainder of the year is \$16,000, Sheriff Joe White said.

Citizens concerned about the future of Grayling's Fish Hatchery have formed a committee to formulate plans to preserve the facility. The group met last week to officially organize and

launch a plan to save the raceways and ponds from being rendered useless. Short range plans by the DNR calls for filling in the raceways and long range plans includes possible razing of the building altogether.

President Reagan was listed Tuesday in good condition by a hospital spokesman following two hours of surgery after he was shot in an assassination attempt in Washington Monday afternoon.

One of the highlights of the March 17th meeting of the American Business Women's Association was the selection of Bonnie Donnelly as the 1981 Woman of the Year.

Four Grayling weight lifters competed in a contest this past weekend at the Traverse City gym. Middleweight Joe Ferrigan captured a first place trophy; lightweight John Solomonson brought home a 2nd place award and lightweight Brian Stephan placed third. Jeff Galvani, a heavyweight, finished fourth in his division. Rich Ferrigan accompanied the competition as manager.

46 Years Ago
April 3, 1958

The AuSable Hotel in Frederic has had its interior completely remodeled.

A spring break-up on the M-72 detour in Crawford County has resulted in designation of a new detour route, State Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie

announced recently. The new detour runs from the M-72 junction at Grayling south on US-27 to its junction with M-76, then east along M-76 and M-144, picking up the north-south county road which passes through El Dorado and rejoins M-72 north of town.

Scout Troop 77 held another cook-out last Saturday in the Hanson game reserve near the old electric light dam. Accompanied by Scoutmaster Alvin Dase and Bud Halstead were: Mickey Stillwagon, Neal Tinker, George Collen, Gary Russell, David Jackson, Dale Lozon, Mike Gorman, John Gingerick, Bill Joseph, Eddie Southwell, Bob Brooks, Phil Payment, Gary Swanson, Terry SanCartier, Leslie Halstead and Jimmy Jorgenson. Cub Scouts Bob Wyman, Alvin Dase, Jr., Kenny Halstead and Ross Argue accompanied the troop on the trip.

69 Years Ago
April 4, 1935

George Stanley is dressing up the Plaza Grill by treating the interior to a fresh coat of paint, as part of the spring housecleaning he intends to do.

Elmer Fenton is the new S.E.R.A. Recreational director for Crawford County, beginning his duties Monday. He takes the place of Russell Robertson who was appointed district director to succeed Harvey Croz.

Ground was broken Wednesday for the foundation for the new waterworks standpipe. This will be about five feet in thickness and made of concrete.

The cyclone that occurred at Mason a few days ago doing tremendous damage took the roof off Michelson Hardware building.

At a special meeting of St. Mary's Altar society at the home of Mrs. George Burke Monday afternoon, officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Burke, vice president, Mrs. Liland Smock, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Emil Kraus.

The Girls Graduate Sewing Club met at the home of Lois Sorenson Tuesday evening.

92 Years Ago
April 4, 1912

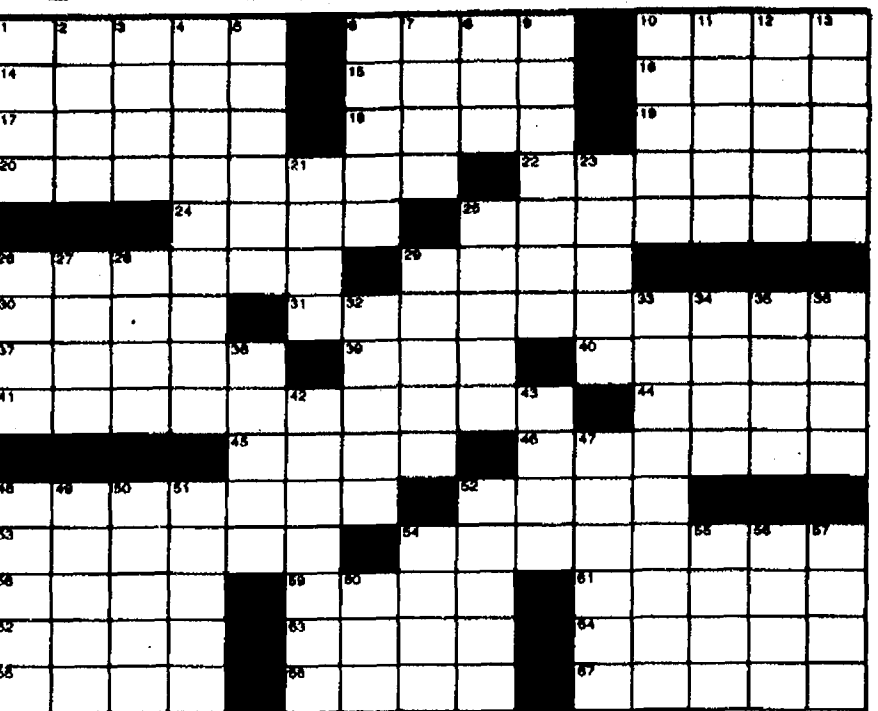
Lowell Fox lost a very fine heifer last Saturday, killed by a M.C.R.R. engine on Lewiston branch.

R.W. Brink purchased two horses last week for use on his delivery wagon, from E.C. Kendrick of Nebraska. Mr. Kendrick shipped two carloads of horses from his home to Mesick where they were distributed to buyers from different parts of the state. "Rol" says that he can deliver groceries in a hurry now.

It was a happy homecoming last Tuesday afternoon for Dr. and Mrs. Insley. A crowd of several hundred people was there at the afternoon train to meet them and everybody felt happy to have the Doctor back safe in Grayling.

A break-out at the electric light dam yesterday has left the city in darkness. It will probably be several weeks before repairs can be completed.

CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
1. Pulls hair.
 6. Cannon, Judge Jennifer "Whipper" Cone on Ally McBeal.
 10. Having wings.
 14. Field of conflict.
 15. Another name for the Abominable Snowman.
 16. To study carefully.
 17. Rice cooked in poultry broth.
 18. Acronym for North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
 19. To whimper.
 20. Saves from a disaster.
 22. Showed to be false.
 24. Murdoch, British novelist and philosopher.
 25. Sways to one side while in motion.
 26. Downward stroke in conducting.
 29. Combining form meaning "self."
 30. Abbreviation for sophomore.
 31. Undermining or ruining.
 37. Baril, former owner of the Bonnyville Tribune.
 39. Charlotte, Edna Garrett on The Facts of Life.
 40. Mistake.
 41. Able to use again.
 44. To fall off.
 45. Small children.
 46. Shirley's last name on Laverne & Shirley.
 48. To throw into the trash.
 52. Abbreviation for the control key on some computer keyboards.
 53. Booth, the White Goddess in Trader Horn.
 54. Ended in.
 58. Not plump.
 59. Oldest Taylor son on Home Improvement.
 61. Instrument played by Liberace.
 62. Department in southern France.
 63. To attract or entice.
 64. Cabs.
 65. Kruger, Miss Austen in Craig's Wife.
 66. Acronym for European Tissue Engineering Society.
 67. Derogatory.
- DOWN**
1. Barks shrilly.
 2. Air or melody.
 3. Carter, Nellie Ruth Harper on Gimme a Break.
 4. Dishonestly.
 5. Hunting expedition in eastern Africa.
 6. Standard centimeter-gram-second units of force in physics.
 7. Not nays.
 8. Abbreviation for attorney.
 9. Any salt of niobic acid.
 10. An _ a day keeps the doctor away.
 11. Anderson, former host of The Family Feud.
 12. David, a regular on CBS Newcomers.
 13. Donna, Jerry and Robert.
 21. Essential part of the matter.
 23. To wear away.
 25. Container used to separate gold and silver from lead.
 26. Acronym for Turkish Society of Rochester.
 27. Past tense of heave.
 28. Of _ proportions.
 29. Inhabitants of Arabia.
 32. To tell a story.
 33. Pertaining to the work of George Orwell.
 34. Country between Iraq and Afghanistan.
 35. Not any.
 36. Jennifer, Frances "Baby" Houseman in Dirty Dancing.
 38. Center of Puritanism in England at the time of Cromwell.
 42. Able to be lost.
 43. Acronym for Electronic Funds Transfer System.
 47. Bursts forth.
 48. Burke, Suzanne Sugarbaker on Designing Women.
 49. Perfect.
 50. Body of bees.
 51. Fin or flipper.
 52. Gives up.
 54. One of a kind.
 55. TV show starring Danny DeVito and Andy Kaufman.
 56. Bennett, Maid Marian in the 1922 movie, Robin Hood.
 57. Quantity of medicine prescribed.
 60. Furrow in the ground.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Chocolate Chip Scones

- 3 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups (12-oz. pkg.) Dark Chocolate Chips or Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)
- 2 cups chilled whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 Additional sugar
- Powdered sugar (optional)

Heat oven to 375° F. Lightly grease 2 baking sheets. Stir together flour, 1/2 cup

sugar, baking powder and salt in large bowl. Stir in chocolate chips and nuts, if desired. Add whipping cream, stirring just until ingredients are moistened. Turn dough out onto lightly floured surface. Knead gently until soft dough forms (about 2 minutes). Pat into 4 1/2 x 16-inch rectangle about 1 1/4 inches high. Divide rectangle into 12 smaller rectangles each measuring 1 1/2 by 4 inches. Cut each rectangle diagonally, forming a total of 24 triangles. Transfer triangles to prepared baking sheets 2 inches apart. Brush with melted butter and sprinkle with additional sugar. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve warm, sprinkled with powdered sugar, if desired.

Kiddie

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

DID YOU KNOW ??

The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is said to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.

MAZE

Adopt a Pet

This handsome guy is Angus. He is a yellow lab mix who came in as a stray. No one ever looked for him. He has been neutered, has all of his vaccinations, and has been heartworm tested. He is approximately 4 years and would love it if you would give him a new home. For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: www.asc.petfinder.com

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of April 1, 2004

 Aries December 22 - January 19 It's amazing how much time you have invested in a home improvement project. Before you go any further, consider how much longer it's going to take you to finish—it may be worth it to hire a professional.	 Taurus March 21 - April 19 A recent situation has led you to a deeper appreciation of the people around you. Tell your friends and family how important they are, and thank them for everything they do for you.	 Gemini June 22 - July 22 The week looks promising. You will finish several projects at work and catch up on chores at home, leaving you lots of free time to play.	 Cancer September 23 - October 22 Opportunities abound, and you just may get your wish. Check your calendar—a special occasion is closer than you think. Prepare for it now.
 Leo July 23 - August 22 Priorities change, and you could be affected. Take it in stride and encourage others to do the same. Don't forget about an important engagement.	 Virgo August 23 - September 22 It's odd how little contact you've had with your family recently. You might want to give one of them a call and make sure everything is okay.	 Libra October 23 - November 21 As the end of the week approaches you will discover just how strong you can be in a tough situation. A friend needs a favor; say yes.	 Scorpio November 22 - December 21 Your neighbor has been asking you many questions a matter between you and your family. Approach them calmly and explain that while you appreciate their interest,
 Sagittarius November 22 - December 21 With a recent turn in the market, your finances seem secure, but are they? Set up an appointment with a financial analyst and find out how sound your investments are.	 Capricorn January 20 - February 18 You were hoping for better times, but don't worry. Things will be looking up by the end of this week. An invitation to a party arrives in the mail.	 Aquarius February 19 - March 20 With a recent turn in events, life now seems complete, but is it? Look around and see if there's anything you're missing. You might be surprised by what you discover.	 Pisces March 21 - April 19 A book or film motivates you to reach out to others. Serve food at a local mission or take an elderly neighbor shopping—go wherever you are needed and donate a few hours of your time.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)							
Date	H	L	Rain	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
3/24	38	22	0	43	31	43	31	43	31	43	31
3/25	45	33	.01	43	31	43	31	43	31	43	31
3/26	58	36	.25	43	31	43	31	43	31	43	31
3/27	54	38	0.02	43	31	43	31	43	31	43	31
3/28	47	34	0	43	31	43	31	43	31	43	31
3/29	53	36	.09	43	31	43	31	43	31	43	31
3/30	57	26	0	43	31	43	31	43	31	43	31

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1. Real Estate

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NEW THREE BEDROOM, one bath with two car attached garage, 20 ft. concrete approach, sidewalks, 4" well, 90% furnace, grassed, newly stick built. Five miles east of Grayling on McCarty Drive. \$87,000. (989) 348-4840 (-11-18-25-1-8/1)

FIVE BEDROOM Completely remodeled 1,800 sq. ft. 210 Mikado St. Two baths all new, roof, siding, windows, doors, drywall, kitchen, baths, plumbing, electric, 90 percent efficient furnace, carpet, floor covering, interior doors, cabinets, finished back porch, extra lot. Priced to sell at \$123,000. Call owner (989) 348-4716. (1/15/04/1/1)



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SURROUNDED WITH HARDWOODS New home with 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths and detached garage. Master Suite offers garden tub, separate shower and skylight. Kitchen offers beautiful oak cabinets with snack bar, garage disposal, refrigerator with ice and water maker, gas stove, and built-in microwave. Washer and dryer. Peaked ceilings. Oak entertainment center in living room. Immediate Possession at Closing. CS-1793 \$86,900

505 FEET OF PRIME COMMERCIAL FRONTAGE ON M-72 WEST! Cleared building site with mixture of trees. Corner of M-72 West and AuSable Trail Road. Cash/Possible Land Contract. CS-1415 \$126,500

NICE FAMILY HOME CLOSE TO TOWN! Open floor plan to kitchen, dining and living room. Features include an attached greenhouse off the living room. Kitchen offers 25' of oak cabinets. Drywall and carpet throughout. 2 Bedrooms have walk-in closets. New roof on house and garage this year. Thermo pane windows. 12' Gazebo in back yard. Beautiful mountain ash tree in front yard. Raised beds in front yard for landscaping. Black top county maintained road. CS-1830 \$69,900

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CLOSE TO THE AUISIBLE RIVER! View of the AuSable River! This 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath, large master BR (13'6" x 21'7") home is just 2 blocks from downtown and close to fishing and canoeing. City amenities include weekly trash pick-up. Extra water well for irrigation. Hook-up for a wood stove in the family room. Offers a womanized fence for privacy. Corner lot with large shade trees. CH-1893 \$77,500

TWO STORY RENOVATED HOME PLUS 1,000 S.F. RETAIL SHOP Looking for retail space. High exposure on corner lot. 5 BR home with 23' x 40' retail/showroom. Currently used as assisted living home. Renovation includes siding, roof, electrical and plumbing CH-1892 \$145,000

NEW LISTING
AFFORDABLE 3 BEDROOM HOME IN MIO A must see. This freshly remodeled home includes a large fenced back yard, a covered deck, work-shop in garage, 2 storage buildings, updated windows, and beautiful knotty pine interior walls. CH-1910 \$47,500

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NEW LISTING



CEDAR HOME WITH BEAUTIFUL VIEW Hillside setting with a beautiful view of rolling hills and great tree coverage. This cedar home is the perfect getaway with snowmobile trails just minutes away. Offers 3 BRs and 2 baths, great for a group. \$79,500 #231407

NEW LISTING



CHARMING TURN OF THE CENTURY HOME This 3 BR, 2 bath home originally built in 1902, where complete renovations in many rooms have been done. Large addition building 1992 features in-out door home with knotty pine paneling and large deck of french doors to enjoy a waterfall and pond in the backyard. Bath baths have been completely remodeled and include Italian tiles in one, and an enchanting claw foot tub in the other. Many other features make this quaint home one that must be seen! \$115,000 #231371



BEAUTIFUL HOME NEAR CUR LAKE This 3 BR, 2 bath home is located in a nice subdivision with a lot of privacy. Additional outbuildings on property, one of which is a building with a sauna never been used by current owner. Covered porch partially screened for those peaceful evenings. Very nice neighborhood near Cur Lake. \$169,900 #230196

REDUCED



NICE LITTLE CABIN NEAR STATE LAND Great location with 1,000's of acres of state land close by. Perfect 2 BR, 1 bath 4-season getaway within minutes of snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, picking berries or just relaxing. Includes a 24'x24' pole barn. \$65,000 #231010

REDUCED



CLEAN & COZY, GREAT LOCATION! Nice clean, cozy, and ready to move into. This 3 BR, 2 bath home is in a great location with a beautiful mixture of hardwoods, and just minutes from Skyline Ski Park. Includes stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer, with lots of room in the 24'x32' garage to store all the toys. \$83,000 #230941



NEW HOME WITH MANY UPDATES. New 3 BR, 2 bath home in a nice area made for quiet walks, snowmobiling and skiing. Master bath with garden tub and shower. Built-in appliances with breakfast nook. Living room has entertainment center. \$79,000 #230039



BEAUTIFUL LOG HOME This is up North! Spacious 4 BR, 2 bath log home, close to snowmobile trails with state land on one side and thousands of acres of state land across the road. Walk-out basement has additional kitchen, dining room, living room and 2 bedroom. \$154,300 #230055



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9. Personals

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Jim and Mary are the proud grandparents of James & Megan from Midland, children of Donna & Tom Kaminski; Fox, Robin and Lily from Gaylord, children of Dawn & Matt Deisig; Jessica, Norman and Logan from Houghton Lake, children of Deanna & Norm Barth. The couple is looking forward to retirement and have planned a cruise in mid January. Congratulations Mom & Dad!

Love,
The girls and their families!

8. Announcements

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Thank You



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9. Personals

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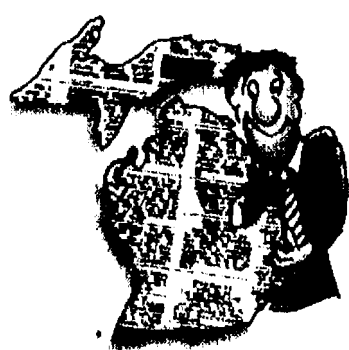
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